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Special Dispatch to the N. Y. Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

It is said that the President is desirous of bringing before Congress and the public the correspondence with Mr. SOULE, and between him and Spain, relative to our difficulties with that Power, and that he will respond to the call made by the House on Tuesday. S.

Special Correspondence of New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1855.

We have had a good time—a *glorious* time—in the House to-day,—another grand set-to in the public arena,—two honorable members of Congress engaged in a free exhibition of their pugilistic abilities to an astonished audience, with all the accompanying trimmings, such as cursing, noise and confusion, and a general row. All that was wanting was YANKEE SULLIVAN and JOHN MORRISSEY as seconds, and a few additional "fancy men" as bottle-holders and spongers. Still, as an amateur arrangement, and impromptu at that, it was very creditable; and if there were any little particulars omitted, the exalted character of the spirring ground—the Hall of Representatives of this "great nation"—is quite sufficient to atone for all delinquencies.

The telegraph has probably already given you a notice of the circumstances attending this performance. The three first days of the present week were set apart by special order for the consideration of Territorial business. Mr. FARLEY, of the Kennebec District of Maine, got before the House for consideration the Senate bill to aid in the construction of a line of magnetic telegraph across the continent to the Pacific, which he briefly explained and advocated.

General LANE, of Oregon, interrupted him several times with questions and a call to order; and evidently made an effort to have the bill passed over, claiming that it was not Territorial business. Mr. FARLEY interposing, called the delegate from Oregon to order.

Mr. LANE, angrily and dictatorially, objected to Mr. FARLEY's interruption; whereupon the latter reminded him that he had the right to call him to order, and that he (Mr. F.) had submitted courteously to repeated interruptions by Mr. LANE. Mr. L., who was standing in or near the centre aisle, about ten feet from Mr. FARLEY, exclaimed, "You're the *d*——*st thing I've met with!*" and sprang at once to meet Mr. FARLEY, who was then advancing. The parties met and struck at each other several times, but failed to do any serious damage.

Of course the greatest confusion ensued. Members cleared flying leaps over the desks, to get to the seat of war; others rushed along the aisles to the same spot; the Speaker banged away with his gavel, and unceasingly appealed to the House to "come to order;" but the members were determined to see whether Oregon and Maine would "come to time" and the authority of the Speaker was, for the moment, a perfect nonentity. General LANE, with a vacuously red countenance, was easily extricated from the melee and conducted to his seat. Mr. FARLEY, though a small man, gave four stout fellow members not a little trouble to hold him. Among those who were first in efforts to separate the parties was Mr. HAMILTON, of Maryland. Mr. FARLEY did not relish his interference, and when he found that Mr. HAMILTON was preventing him from "punishing" the man who had insulted him, he turned upon Mr. H. and belabored *him* instead.

Quiet was finally restored; but a few minutes later Mr. LANE came near producing another explosion by referring to his late combatant as "that fellow," which was received with a burst of indignation by the House. No steps were taken to inquire into this affair, and no motion was made to relieve either party for his share in this outrage upon the dignity of the House. The tide of sympathy is bitterly against LANE, who has been incessantly irritable and petulant all Winter, and whose whole manner this morning was offensive, to say nothing of the vulgar epithet which he applied to Mr. FARLEY, without the slightest provocation. Mr. F. has always demeaned himself heretofore as a quiet, peaceable and courteous gentleman. To-morrow the House will manifest its sympathy with him by giving many votes for his bill which it might not have received except for LANE's course to-day.

Gen. LANE will hardly go down to New-Hampshire now, to stump the State for the sake of the President. Gen. CASS, too, I learn, has declined the trip, and the President now desires Gov. SEYMOUR to make a stump tour over the Granite Hills.

By the way, a portion of the New-York politicians from the northern and western part of the State, to whom I referred in my letter of Saturday last, are evidently endeavoring SAM HOUSTON's nomination much more than is to be explained by military reason. Are they endeavoring to make any arrangements with the General to bring him out as a Presidential candidate in 1856? and if so, do they expect to turn Know-Nothing, or is Sam expected to turn Administration Democrat? Hunker Mr. MARCY better look to the game of those office-holding politicians, why are daily conferring with the Texas Senator?

Mr. JOHNSON, of Arkansas, very boldly and frankly complained to the Senate this morning of certain negligence and delay on the part of the Executive officers of the Government, in relation to the expenditure of money appropriated for his State. It is a fact not to be disguised, that these complaints are not confined to Arkansas, but are justly made with reference to the execution of the federal laws all over the Union. And what is much worse, not only private individuals who have occasion to attend the Executive Department, but Senators and Representatives, who go there in the prosecution of their duties to their constituents, are too often treated as intruders, who are to be driven off by positive rudeness, or inexcusable frigidity of manner or tone on the part of Executive officers of the Government. This is a growing abuse, and if not checked soon will at no distant day bring unpleasant consequences to those who indulge in conduct so unbecoming gentlemen, and so especially out of place in public functionaries.

A work entitled *The State of the Union* was laid upon the tables of Senators to-day, which is somewhat novel in its character, and is likely to become a decided candidate for popular favor. It is a condensation, in one volume, of the immense mass of matter published by Congress at the commencement of the present session. The Message of the President, and the Reports proper of each of the Secretaries, are given in full; and judicious abstracts of the documents accompanying them, and an analytical index of the whole, give an intelligent idea of all that the general reader desires to know of the history of the United States for the last official year. The voluminous Executive documents generally distributed over the country, are of comparatively little value to the masses, because of their bulk; while here in a convenient sized volume is all that the public desire. The design is a good one; and it is to be hoped,—if Congress really desires to disseminate official information of the history of the country—that it will liberally patronize this enterprise. Fifty thousand copies of "The State of the Union," would be, with all the other documents ordered by the present Congress, put together.

No faith is reposed here in the story that the British fleet in the West Indies, has been ordered to interfere to prevent the landing of Col. KINNEY's colonists. It is believed to be another of the inventions put forth by parties in the Nicaragua Accessory Transit Company's interest. S.

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS...Second Session.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

A communication was received from the Secretary of War containing an abstract of the militia returns of States and Territories. Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. CLAYTON asked that the House French Spoliation bill be read a second time, that he might call for its final passage to-morrow.

Mr. DAWSON—I hope the Senator from Delaware will not thus interfere with the order of business for the morning hour.

Mr. CLAYTON—Then you are opposed to the bill?

Mr. DAWSON—It is not so. I voted for the bill, but the Senator from Delaware shows too much haste in pressing the matter at this hour.

Mr. CLAYTON—You have already taken up more time than would have been required for the technical reading of the bill, and you had better cool off now and let it be read.

Mr. DAWSON—Well so be it—and then I hope the Senator from Delaware will cool off too.

The bill was then read a second time.

Mr. SUMNER presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Commerce be instructed to consider the expediency of authorizing the construction of a new building for a Marine Hospital in the neighborhood of Boston, in order to furnish accommodations for the increasing number of patients.

Mr. SEWARD presented the Joint Resolutions of the Legislature of New-York, instructing their Senators, and requesting the Representatives in Congress to use their influence in procuring the passage of the law granting pensions to the surviving soldiers of the Indian War of 1791, and the following years, and to the widows of the deceased soldiers of those wars. Read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. FRENCH gave notice that to-morrow, or very early, he should ask leave to introduce a bill providing for the erection of buildings for a Post-Office at Baltimore, and for Federal Courts for the District of Maryland.

Mr. BAYARD then occupied an hour in vindicating his deceased father against certain charges contained in the original edition of "Jefferson's Works," which had been controverted and disproved, but nevertheless were retained and published in the subsequent edition of those works, which had been issued under the authority of the Senate.

These charges related to the action of Mr. BAYARD, then a representative in Congress, in the Presidential contest between BURR and JEFFERSON.

Mr. FRANCIS, the Chairman of the Library Committee, said he regretted that the reflections upon the character of the deceased, which had been refuted on the floor of the Senate long ago, should have been reproduced in the last edition of JEFFERSON's works, but observed that the Committee were not authorized to employ an editor for thorough revision.

Messrs. CASS, HUNTER and MASON bore testimony to the value of the services of the deceased, and thought that if JEFFERSON were alive he would be the first to retract the charges with the light which had since been thrown upon the affair. They exculpated Mr. JEFFERSON from any intent to injure or calumniate the deceased.

ARMY APPROPRIATIONS.

The consideration of the Army Appropriation bill was resumed.

Mr. HOUSTON went into the merits of our Indian relations and responsibilities, advocated pacific measures and reiterated that the whites were always the aggressors.

Mr. DODGE of Iowa, in answer, referred to the Black Hawk War, and wished to know, in that conflict, who were the aggressors?

Mr. MALLORY, interrupting, also asked whether the Seminole War arose from aggressions on the part of the whites.

Mr. HOUSTON rejoined, that when these wars occurred he was out of the country, under a different Government from that of Texas, before its annexation.

Mr. DODGE said this was not a very good answer, as Mr. HOUSTON had yesterday boasted that he knew more about the Indian Affairs of the United States than any other Senator save Mr. CASS.

Mr. PETTIT got the floor, and was interrupted by calls for a vote. He agreed to give way if the Senate would take the vote, but not otherwise.

When Mr. CASS observed that he had intended to say a few words on the subject. Whereupon the Senate adjourned.

During the debate a communication was received from the President, enclosing the correspondence relative to the negotiations of Commodore PERRY with the Japanese Government.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

Mr. RICH offered a joint resolution disapproving, and declaring null and void the acts of the Minnesota Legislature incorporating Minnesota and Western Louisiana, and Minnesota, St. Peter, Mississippi and Lake Superior, Puget's Sound and the South Pacific Railroad Companies. All approved of in March 1853.

Mr. RICH referred to the action of the House on Monday, declaring null and void the laws incorporating the Minnesota and Northwestern, and the Transit Railroad Companies. The people of Minnesota will correct whatever errors they may have committed. It would be for the welfare of his constituents, that all the Railroad acts be disapproved of by Congress. His desire for this was that it should not appear that five of the acts were disapproved as if for the benefit of the other companies. Speculators have on their mind to catch the first fish which might come in their way, and he wanted to defeat them.

Mr. CRAIGHE said the acts which were disapproved on Monday had been referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. They could report on nothing else. It by no means followed because the House was competent to form a judgment on the laws before it, they could undertake to pass on laws never submitted.

Mr. PRICE's resolution was then referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and the House went in to Committee of the Whole on Territorial bills.

THE SUBTERRANEAN TELEGRAPH.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill authorizing the construction of a Subterranean line of Telegraph from Mississippi or Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean.

Mr. RICHARDSON moved an amendment striking out the grant of two millions of acres of land, reserving only the right of way. He had proposed this after consultation with Mr. FARLEY, who had charge of the bill, and to which that gentleman consented.

COL. BENTON TELLS A SNAKE STORY.

Col. BENTON invoked the serious consideration of the House. Yesterday, the men who propose the line must have two millions of acres. This morning they only ask the right of way. The striking out of the land beats the snake story all hollow! The man said he had seen five hundred snakes; when this was doubted, he came down to one hundred, then to fifty-six, and finally to twenty-five, when he would not fall another snake. (Laughter.) Is not this making sport of Congress, Sir? Are we to allow ourselves to be treated in this manner? This is sporting with legislation. If a man attacks these schemers, they fall in their demands as the man did in the number of his snakes, till they get down to nothing, Sir. Such bragging I never saw before—but I never played the game. It is an outrage—an outrage, Sir, and I denounce it as such.

Mr. BENTON spoke with great earnestness.

THREATENING TO PULL A BOARD OFF A PIG-PEN.

Mr. RICHARDSON—I alluded this morning to a conference with the gentleman from Maine and myself. He has charge of the bill, and therefore it was proper to consult him before I offered an amendment. On this statement the gentleman from Missouri gets himself in the position of the boy who said to his father, "Hold me or I'll do something terrible." "What will you do, my son?" "I'll rush out and pull a board off the pig-pen." (Laughter.) That's what the gentleman has done. There was about as much foundation for the excitement of the boy as for that of the gentleman from Missouri. Is it discreditable for a gentleman in the American Congress to confer with a fellow member who has charge of a pending bill? If so, I am guilty. I can turn with as much pride and pleasure on the past as the gentleman from Missouri. There is as little to sully my escutcheon as his. I can compare records with him in anything and ask no favors. The gentleman has been liberal in his denunciations. There is something due to age. I regard it here, and therefore forbear to characterize the remarks of the gentleman as I would but for this fact.

Mr. BENTON—I beg to be excused from the compliment invited, and will accord to the gentleman everything he asks in the world. I ask, and pause for an answer, whether those who are interested in the bill, and who yesterday kept the House in session to an unusually late hour, are not the same persons who this morning gave up the whole two millions. The gentleman from Maine (Mr. FARLEY) in speaking for them, otherwise he could not agree to the proposition to strike out the land. It would be impossible to alter the bargain, Sir, without consent of the parties to it. This bill has deprived the Territories of one of the three days set apart for the consideration of Territorial bills. The gentleman from Illinois, (Mr. RICHARDSON,) who advocated granting two millions acres of land yesterday, to-day moved "to strike it out." Although advanced in years, I have a right to protect the Treasury and the lands of the United States. They are not a Sebastopol, Sir; they can't stand the siege! they can't resist the Allies, Sir.

Mr. RICHARDSON moved that the remaining clause of the bill be stricken out. Agreed to.

The bill was laid aside for future action, and others were considered.

When the Committee rose a dozen bills for the Territories, constructing military roads, establishing land offices, erecting public buildings, erecting arsenals, &c., had been agreed to.

Mr. HOUSTON presented a substitute for the pending bill, modifying the existing tariff. Ordered to be printed.

Senate adjourned.

Judgment Against Marshal Bates—The Gibson Letters.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

Information has been received at the Treasury Department, that a judgment has been rendered in the Circuit Court of the United States, for Texas, against JOSEPH BATES, late Marshal of that State, for $20,000, due the United States.

The *Star* says that Capt. GIBSON denies the authenticity of the letter recently published, and says it is a garbled statement of a memorial to the Dutch Government. Capt. G. intimates that Gov. MARCY has acted in bad faith with him from the first.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The *Star* says that Secretary GUTHRIE has not made a compromise with the Committee of Ways and Means on the subject of the Tariff, and that the only effect of taking up the question in Congress at this period of the session, will be to defeat many other important measures.

United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The case of Short *vs.* The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is now before the Court. It involves the validity of the law of that State which imposes a tax of some $30,000 on $700,000, devised in Pennsylvania to D. SHORT, of Ohio, and J. C. SHORT, of Kentucky.

GEORGE SHORT, of Cincinnati, opened the case for the Messrs. SHORT, and was followed by Messrs. SCOTT and HOOD for Pennsylvania, and Mr. EWING is now closing the case for the plaintiffs.

This case is important and excites much interest.

AARON F. PERRY, of Ohio, and HENRY J. HORN, of Pennsylvania, were admitted as counselors of the Court.

Col. Kinney's Expedition.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

Col. KINNEY informs me that the fire-arms reported as being at his quarters here, were merely specimens of new inventions sent him by manufacturers, in order to get his opinion of their value, and that they have no connection with his expedition or men, as might be inferred from a preceding dispatch.—[REP.

From Chicago—Railroad Communication Stopped Up—The Election for United States Senator.

CHICAGO, Ill., Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The condition of the Western and Southern roads are desperate by reason of the snow. No communication by railroad has been had with St. Louis or Springfield for eleven days. Seventeen locomotives are frozen or buried in the snow on the Chicago and Mississippi Railroad.

To-day was fixed upon for the election of the United States Senator from this State, but there was no quorum present in the joint convention of both Houses. A great effort will be made to-morrow to secure a quorum, and make an election without the assistance of the absentees.

Henry Wilson Elected United States Senator from Massachusetts.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The State Senate balloted to-day for a United States Senator and confirmed the choice of the House by one majority. HENRY WILSON is therefore elected in the room of EDWARD EVERETT.

The number of votes cast in the election of United States Senator was 40. General WILSON received 21, E. M. WRIGHT 12, with 4 scattering.

The Senatorial Election in the Twenty-ninth District.

ROCHESTER, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

Great excitement and exultation prevails here to-day, in consequence of the Know-Nothing victory in Ontario and Livingston Counties. Mr. GOODWIN, the Know-Nothing candidate, being elected by a majority of over 2,000. A salute of one hundred guns is being fired in honor of the victory.

Arrival of the Southern Mail—Mexican News, &c.

BALTIMORE, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

New-Orleans papers of Thursday have been received here, with details of Mexican news to the 22d inst.

Flaming accounts are given of the victories achieved over the insurgents by the Government troops.

The Mexican National schooner *Rosario* was wrecked on the Alvarado Bar, two female passengers losing their lives.

The French brig-of-war *Obligado* had arrived at Guayamas, to inquire into the circumstances of the RAGUENET BOULBON affair, and her commander, in the name of the French Emperor, thanked the Mexican authorities for the treatment the rebels had experienced.

JOHN MITCHEL was at Natchez, en route for Baton Rouge, where he would accept the hospitalities tendered him by the Louisiana Legislature.

The ship *Monarch of the Seas*, which has recently been at Pensacola testing the Dry Dock there, has arrived at New-Orleans.

Accident on the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad.

CINCINNATI, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The down train on the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad ran off the track yesterday near North Bend. The baggage and two passenger cars were smashed and a number of persons injured, but fortunately none seriously. The brakeman was badly wounded.

The weather here is cold and navigation is still suspended.

The Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad.

BANGOR, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

At a large meeting of the citizens of Bangor, at the City Hall, this evening, resolutions were introduced by SAMUEL FARRAR, Esq., and unanimously passed, directing the representatives in the Legislature to prepare a bill granting authority to loan the credit of the city in aid of the Penobscot and Kennebec Railroad for three hundred thousand dollars.

Death of Bishop Capers.

CHARLESTON, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

Bishop CAPERS, an eminent divine of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is dead.

Sailing of the Steamship Canada for Liverpool.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The steamship *Canada* sailed from here at 10 o'clock this morning, with sixty-five passengers for Liverpool and sixteen for Halifax. She takes out with her $279,375 in specie. ALEXANDER SIDE, Esq., of Boston, a passenger, will be bearer of dispatches to London.

Non-arrival of the Africa at Boston.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Jan. 31—9 o'clock P. M.

The steamship *Africa*, now due from Halifax, has not yet made her appearance here. The weather is clear and fine.

Arrival of the Steamship Augusta at Savannah.

SAVANNAH, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The steamship *Augusta* arrived here from New-York at 7 o'clock this morning, with all on board well.

Murder in Hornellsville.

HORNELLSVILLE, Pa., Wednesday, Jan. 31.

J. BEEBE, the keeper of a bowling saloon in this place, was instantly killed last evening by a blow on the head with a bottle in the hands of an Irishman named STEPHEN HOGAN. A negro by the name of HENRY MILLS was also implicated. Both were arrested.

Philadelphia Stock Board.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Jan. 31.

Stocks are inactive but steady to-day. Reading we quote at 35¾; Morris Canal, 14¾; Long Island Railroad, 15¾; Pennsylvania Railroad, 43¾; Pennsylvania State Fives, 89.

Money is plenty, and paper scarce.

Race between "Nat Blick" and "Garrett Davis."

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, Jan. 30.

In the three mile race to-day between the horses *Nat Blick* and *Garrett Davis*, the former won.

Weather Reports.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Wednesday, Jan. 31—9 A. M. Beautiful weather—clear and cold, with a west wind. ST. JOHNS, N. B., Wednesday, Jan. 31. Weather fine and quite moderate. Wind from the west. CALAIS, Me., Wednesday, Jan. 31. Pleasant, moderate weather, with a west wind. EASTPORT, Me., Wednesday, Jan. 31. Weather overcast and cool. Wind west. BANGOR, Me., Wednesday, Jan. 31. Cloudy and rather cool weather. Wind west. PORTLAND, Me., Wednesday, Jan. 31. Quite moderate weather, clear and pleasant. Wind west. BOSTON, Wednesday, Jan. 31. Clear weather. Thermometer 15 degrees above zero.

Calamity at the Philadelphia County Prison—Prisoner Suffocated—Narrow Escape of Nineteen Others.

From the Philadelphia Bulletin, Jan. 31.

About 7½ o'clock this morning, as one of the men employed to feed the prisoners in the Untried Department on the south side of the County Prison, opened a cell door, he discovered a prisoner lying in an insensible state upon his bed.

The alarm was promptly given and it was soon after discovered that the pipes connecting the heaters in the three corridors, had become detached, and all the cells were filled with the escaping gas.

Every officer of the prison was promptly on duty in the effort to rescue the prisoners. The cell-doors were thrown open and the prisoners were removed into the open air.

It was ascertained that twenty of the prisoners were overcome, and all appeared in a state of asphyxia.

The resident physicians, Dr. A. M. BURDEN and H. M. CLAPP, were soon in attendance and rendered all necessary medical aid.

But one prisoner died. His name was JOHN HYDER. He was a young man and committed in the month of December last, and was awaiting his trial on the charge of stealing chickens. His eyes were open when he was taken from the cell, but he breathed his last in the arms of those carrying him down stairs.

Three other men named JOHN MAXWELL, JOHN MEYERS and WILLIAM CUYLER were nearly dead when released from their cells, and it was deemed necessary to remove them to the Hospital. They were still alive at 1½ o'clock this afternoon, and hopes of their final recovery were entertained.

The other prisoners were rolled up in blankets, and under the treatment of the physicians, who labored assiduously, recovered in two or three hours.

All the cells in the first, second and third corridors were filled with the escaping gas, and those of the prisoners who obeyed the rules of the institution, by keeping the ventilators of the cells open, escaped the effects of the gas. Those who suffered had choked up the ventilators to prevent the escape of the warm air.

Upon making an investigation of the cause of the terrible mishap, we ascertained that the blocking under the heaters had given way and the large pipes for conveying the gas off from the coal became detached, and thus the gas escaped into the cells. The prisoners were asleep at the time.

STATE AFFAIRS.

THE CONTESTED SEATS.

THE ASTOR LIBRARY REPORTS.

The Sixpenny Savings Bank and the Broadway Institutions.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1855.

In the House, this morning, we had a spirited debate on the Report of the Standing Committee on Privileges and Elections. The Committee reported no course of action on the application of DAVID S. MILLS to be permitted to occupy the seat now filled by AUGUSTUS H. IVANS. With this report the House coincided, without a division.

A majority of the Committee further reported that JACOB M. SELDEN, now occupying the seat as a representative from the Second Assembly District of Orange County, was not entitled to be a member of the House, and that ANDREW S. WARNER was the regularly elected representative, and entitled to a voice and a vote. To this report the minority of the Committee entered a protest, the substance of which was that they had not known when the majority intended to report—that testimony had been taken during their absence—time while the House was in session—and that, generally, they wanted more time for examination and deliberation, and especially, that they would like to make a minority report as soon as they could conveniently prepare the documents, say in a week's time. The facts presented by the majority of the Committee are that the sitting member received his certificate by two majority—this in one town two votes were cast for him by minors—that in another town a person voted for him who had not been a resident of the County but twenty-seven days; that in another town, two votes for SELDEN found in the Judiciary box were transferred to the Assembly box, and that after said votes had been so transferred, it was found that the ballots exceeded by two the number of names on the poll list, and that thereupon the Inspectors drew out and destroyed one ballot having on it the name of the contestant, and one ballot having on it the name of another candidate. Correcting these errors in accordance with the testimony presented, the Committee find that there would be seven majority for Mr. WARNER. With these facts substantiated to their satisfaction, of course the Committee could not do otherwise than report favorably on the application of the contestant for a seat in the Assembly.

After the protest of the minority had been submitted, Mr. RAMSEY, the Chairman of the Committee, moved that the documents be laid upon the table and printed, for the purpose of affording members an opportunity to read the testimony and judge understandingly. This motion was debated at great length and with much manifestation of feeling, but it finally prevailed. The interest which attaches to this case arises from the fact that it is supposed the sitting member, Mr. SELDEN will vote against the bill for the suppression of intemperance, while the contestant, Mr. WARNER, is known to be favorable to such an enactment, and would give it his hearty support if admitted to exercise the rights and privileges to which he considers himself entitled.

So much for the contested election; but yet not all. In the course of the debate it was stated that ABAM G. WILLIAMS, of New-York, DAVID O'KEEFE, of New-York, and AMBROSE STEVENS, of Genesee, all three members of the House, had appeared before the Committee in the capacity of counsel, and there conducted the case on the part of Mr. SELDEN. The announcement of this fact caused a shudder among the honest, intelligent and high-toned members of the House; but when one of those who had so far disgraced the principles of his position, boldly attempted to justify the course he had pursued, there was more than a shudder. "Where ends the duty of the counsel, and where commences the impartiality of the judge?" asked the gentleman from Cayuga, Mr. WEAVER, and the people will echo the question, and they will be puzzled to discover the dimly defined line that divides the two distinct vocations. In the House of last year there was one who then descended from the bench to stand in the forum, but he was content to jingle the price of his labors in his pockets, and made no boast of his calling. When I looked over the present assembly as I heard the Committee on Privileges and Elections announced, I wondered if there was one in all that range of seats that would follow that horrible precedent of last year—and I could not mark one, to my own satisfaction. The result proves me to be but an indifferent judge of faces.

ASTOR LIBRARY.

The Trustees of this Institution made their Annual Report this morning. At the date of the last report, the amount expended for books was $66,113 62. During the past year there was expended $9,865 26—making a total of $100,979 11. The balance of the original appropriation is $14,820 89, which together with the net income from $100,000, yet remains for the gradual increase of the library. The year's income of the principal is $12,415, from which is to be paid the current annual expenses, $5,710. The average number of readers per day since the opening of the library, was 75; the lowest number 30, the highest number 150. The average number of volumes used per day, 100—a total for the year of 30,000.

I copy the Treasurer's report entire:

RECEIPTS.

Fund for the edifice	$75,000 00
Fund for establishing library	120,000 00
Fund for purchasing a site and maintaining the library	203,000 00
Donation from J. G. Cogswell	1,020 00
Donation from Wm. B. Astor	7,250 00
Balance of premium account, being given on stocks in which the funds were paid by Mr. Astor's executors	4,407 87
Balance of interest over expenses	21,565 07
Total	$434,253 94

EXPENDITURES.

For real estate	$25,000 00
For building	75,320 00
For equipment of library and furnace	10,906 36
For investment in bonds and mortgages on lands in New-York, Brooklyn and Albany	302,500 00
For Books, at cost	100,574 23
For balance with Dr. Cogswell	1,104 23
For expenses for the year	9,375 02
Cash on hand	402 30
Total	$454,253 94

NATURAL HISTORY OF NEW-YORK.

The Commissioners appointed to superintend the completion of the publication of the *Natural History* made a report this morning. During the year the printing of the volume on "Insects Injurious to Agriculture," and the last of the series, at an expense (exclusive of printing) exceeded $15,000.

INCORPORATING HYDROPATHY.

Mr. MAY introduced a bill this morning to incorporate PHINEAS T. BARNUM and some dozen or two of associates into a Hydropathic Medical College, for the purpose of promoting medical science. They can for this purpose hold real estate not exceeding in value $250,000. The Trustees shall have power to confer the degree of Doctor of Medicine, upon the recommendation of the Board of Professors. The College shall be subject to the visitation of the Regents of the University. The Trustees may also appoint delegates to the State Medical Society. The corporation shall possess the powers and be subject to the provisions of Chapter 18, Part I., of the Revised Statutes.

PAYING THE RECEIVER OF TAXES.

Mr. PETTIT introduced an act to legalize the resolution passed by the Common Council Dec. 14, 1853, fixing the salary of the Receiver of Taxes at $3,000 per year; the Deputy at $2,500; the first Clerk $2,000; the third and fourth Clerks at $1,200 each.

In accordance with previous notice, Mr. SEYMOUR introduced a bill in relation to charitable institutions supported or assisted by the State, and to city or county poor and workhouses, and to create a Board of Visitors for the same. It directs the Governor to appoint two persons, to be approved by the Senate, who, in conjunction with the Secretary of State, shall constitute a Board to visit charitable institutions that are in part or fully supported by the State. One of the persons so appointed shall hold his office for two years and one for four years. They shall have full power to examine the condition, financial and otherwise, their methods of instruction and government, and all other matters whatever pertaining to their usefulness and good government. For this purpose they may have free access to all books and papers relating to the general management, and all persons in any manner connected with said institutions shall give all such information within their knowledge as may be required of them. The Board shall come to such place within the State, where charitable institutions are located, as shall from time to time receive appropriations from the State Treasury, to examine the money appropriated for their benefit in judicious and economical expenditure, and whether the laws in relation thereto are fully complied with; also whether various parts of the State are equally benefited by the institutions. They shall at least once in two years visit all City and County poor and workhouses, for the purpose of ascertaining their condition. The Board of Visitors are to receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their necessary expenses.

THE SIXPENNY SAVINGS BANK.

Sends up its Annual Report in accordance with the requirements of its charter. It has received from 11,[illegible] depositors the sum of $137,512 41. It has paid to 2,[illegible] depositors $20,355 79. The assets of the institution are $[illegible], consisting of bonds and mortgages, cash on hand and interest due.

BROADWAY SAVINGS INSTITUTION.

From the Annual Report I make the following extract: Received during the year from 2,869 depositors $[illegible], 173 98. Paid to 2,081 depositors $[illegible] 75. Due to depositors $543,542 60—invested thus:

Bonds of the city of Utica	$[illegible] 00
Bonds of the city of Troy	25,[illegible] 00
Bonds of the city of Rochester	25,000 00
Bonds of the city of Albany	5,000 00
Bonds of the city of Buffalo	1,000 00
Bonds of the city of Williamsburg	10,000 00
Revenue Bonds of New-York	30,000 00
Loans on State Securities	31,571 00
Loans on Bonds and Mortgages	[illegible]
Interest earned	[illegible]
Cash on hand	[illegible]

There was little, else, of interest, in the proceedings of either House, and none that is worthy of further mention.

AN SETON SENATORIALLY INCLINED.

I infer from incidental conversations that the Know-Nothings are expected to communicate some few months upon a distinguished editor in West-street. Copies of the *Courier and Enquirer*, containing a column devoted to showing that Gen. WEBB has always been a Know-Nothing pure and simple, have been laid upon the desks of every member of the two branches of the Legislature. If the Know-Nothings should unite on the Council, who knows what havoc they might make in the ranks of Secession! Query!—Was not G. C. FIELDING DOUTRICH, Esq., mistaken in supposing that his friend *Dangerfield* had left the City? J. B. S.

LATER FROM MEXICO.

Progress of the Revolution—The Mazatlan Valley Taken Possession of by the United States.

From the New-Orleans Picayune, Jan. 31.

Our intelligence from Vera Cruz by the *Orizaba*, extends to the 22d inst., and to the city of Mexico to the 19th.

The papers before us give accounts of several successful attacks on bodies of revolutionists by Government troops. Col. ECHEGARRY announces that he arrived at Piedad, in Michoacan, at 3 P. M. on the 7th inst., and finding that a body of over four hundred insurgents had just quitted the place, pursued them and routed them, killing and wounding many, and taking some five prisoners and some horses and arms.

Col. MARAVE announces that he had attacked and put to flight the band of AUGUSTIN NUNEZ, killing two and taking their leader, FRANCISCO ARROY, prisoner. Col. JOSE MARIA DE LA CRUZ VEGA announces that on the 31st ult., a band led by CLEMENTE SERRATO, was attacked by a detachment of the forces under his command, about five leagues from Parangaricutiro, that they were routed and SERRATO captured, and that on the 2d he was shot. In Oajaca the revolution is said to have been put down. Col. ROLIN is reported to have routed a band at Ario, on the 5th inst., killing forty of them, wounding many others and capturing a 4-pounder piece.

In Guerrero, on the same day, at the Rosario Hill, another band was attacked and routed with considerable loss, and the capture of some ammunition.

The Mexican national schooner *Rosario*, an old unseaworthy vessel, was wrecked at Alvarado bar, two female passengers losing their lives on the occasion.

The French brig-of-war *Obligado* had arrived at Guaymas, to inquire into the circumstances of the RAGUENET-BOULBON affair.

The Commander, in the name of the French Emperor, thanked the Mexican authorities for the treatment the rebels had experienced. Gov. ALVAREZ subsequently paid a visit to the commander on board of his vessel.

From the N. O. Delta, Jan. 31.

Considerable excitement is being caused in Mexico, we see by the *Orizaba's* advices, growing out of the fact that the Government of the United States had taken possession of the Mazatlan Valley, without waiting for the completion of the treaty to be fulfilled—to wit: the running of the boundary line—$3,000,000 of the purchase money having been kept back by the United States until that line should be fixed, the United States having agreed at the same time that, until the boundary line was fixed, the $3,000,000 paid, and the territory formerly surrendered, she would not take possession of the country. The Mexican papers say "forcible" possession was taken of the territory by Gen. GARLAND, on the 23d November, and the laws of the United States extended over the same.

JALAPPA, Jan. 22, 1855.

I have little to state to-day, as things are quiet—that is to say, because we do not hear anything respecting the revolution, but it is, nevertheless, going on, and ALVAREZ's forces were the other day near Cuernavaca. They are savage enough, God knows, and out of a good escort of fifty men, they killed forty, not many days ago.

Money remains sooner than ever—so much so that Government is trying hard to make the merchants pay in money the export duty of six per cent. on funds on the way down to Vera Cruz. It is useless to state that not half of this money is destined for shipment, and, therefore, the extortion is as clear as daylight. The same thing was done several years ago, and the receipts for such payment were afterwards refused by the Governor of Vera Cruz, and are worth now 94 per cent. discount! and no buyers even at this rate.

From this scarcity it results, likewise, that the greatest efforts are made to get hold of the 2 per cent., and this sum is said to have been discounted by Mr. EGUAINDON, the man who virtually commands Mexico. It remains now to be seen what the secret service money, set aside for this purpose, can work at Washington, but people in the city feel confident that their aim will be obtained. It appears that Mr. PARRES has been appointed Minister of Finance.

Mr. J. GAVIN is said to be in prison. General VEGA passed through to-day and a steamer is ready for him at Vera Cruz, where he will receive orders, some say for Matamoras, others for Yucatan or Guayacalcos. Is it to stop the Indian Slave trade, or from fear of Col. KINNEY, is more than I can tell. A rumor is current that Yucatan is to be sold to the English, who may perhaps, bring it in the market again.

A Mr. ALAS and RAMIREZ were put in prison in Mexico for conspiracy. SANTA ANNA has decreed that no more licenses for the importation of flour shall be granted. Another law prescribes that all Mexicans traveling by the stage-coach must be provided with a passport, in order to detect conspirators.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.—By the arrival of bark *Mary Elizabeth*, Capt. STRELTSON, from Rio Janeiro, we learn that the following United States vessels were in that port Dec. 15: U. S. frigate *Independence*, Com. ———, from New-York; *Germantown*, Com. SALTER, from River Plate; U. S. sloop-of-war *John Adams*, BOTTWELL, from New-York; U. S. transport *Relief*, do.

☞ On Monday last the body of

CANADA.

The Provincial Press—Canadian Volunteers—Aid for the West-Indians—W. Lyon Mackenzie—Colonization.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

TORONTO, TUESDAY, Jan. 23, 1855.

During the recess of Parliament, and while political agitation is slumbering in consequence of our hosting politicians applying themselves for a season to their own private affairs, the public mind of Canada has been turned to a matter of Imperial rather than of Provincial concernment. The grant of $100,000 by our Parliament to the Patriotic Fund, for the relief of the widows and orphans of the slain in both the English and French armies, although hooted in Europe, has not in our own Province been considered large enough to be worthy of Canada, and all over the country it is being supplemented by voluntary subscriptions, the proceeds of special sermons, concerts and balls, and the grants of town, city and county municipalities. The Toronto City Council has voted £1,000, Hamilton £1,000, Waterloo County £250, and others in proportion. The interest felt in the war by our population is unbounded, and, if it should continue much longer, Canada will not rest content with sending relief to the sufferers by the war, but will organize her own volunteer companies to proceed to the actual scene of hostilities, and lend a hearty, if limited, aid to Old England and her Ally. Col. PRINCE, one of the most noted men on the loyal side in our troubles of 1837 and 1838, and Mr. MOSGROVE, M.P.P. for Essex, have been corresponding with both the Colonial and Imperial authorities, and soliciting permission at once to raise a Canadian regiment for active service in the East, but England, in present circumstances, waives the offer. This matter has been rather unfairly represented *in some of the American papers, as if* England in her weakness was calling upon her unwilling colonies for aid, the truth being that she simply declines, as not yet necessary, the free and unprompted tender that has been made, not of mere sympathy, but of gallant fighting men—proud, no doubt, that such a brave English spirit should be manifested by her distant children.

The only political event of the last fortnight worthy of notice is the great assemblage, last week, of the Reformers of the North Riding of this County of York, to do honor by a public dinner to their representative in Parliament, Mr. HARTMAN, for his consistent advocacy of thorough, clear-grit Reforming principles. North York has long been the foremost Reform constituency in Canada, and has been represented by MACKENZIE, MACNTOSH, LAPONTAINE, BALDWIN and others, whose names stand out prominently in our annals. Its unqualified condemnation, therefore, of the professedly Reform measures of our present mongrel Tory-Radical Government is not without significance. Reformers feel, in connection with the Clergy Reserves bill of last session, that in the very moment of the seemingly overwhelming triumph of their principles, they have been outwitted by a paltry minority in the country and in Parliament, and most completely sold into the hands of their enemies. Murmurs of indignation are already heard here and there, but do not receive full vent so long as the precise arrangements made with the State Churches are not definitely known. Enough, however, has come out to show that everything possible is being done to build up permanent endowments of ecclesiastical bodies—a thing which many of the supporters of the bill never dreamed of, and when the real facts fully emerge from the mysterious concealment in which they are sought to be kept at present, if they prove to be of the character confidently affirmed by many, there is every prospect of a more embittered agitation of the question than has ever been the case before.

At the meeting above referred to the chief attraction of the evening was a speech by WILLIAM LYON MCKENZIE, the old rebel or veteran Reformer, as he is variously designated by his admirers and opponents. On the present occasion he was not so much in the grumbling mood as usual, and dwelt chiefly on the many respects in which our institutions had been improved since he first commenced the work of agitation in Canada, more than thirty years ago. Upwards of seventy years of age, MCKENZIE has still a great deal of the fire and vigor of his youth. Neither in his eye dimmed nor his natural force abated. *An amusing illustration of* this was given lately in Quebec. On the floor of Parliament, last session, Hon. Mr. HINCKS backed the hackneyed member for Haldimand against Hon. Mr. CAYLEY, that he was able to jump from the floor on the Clerk's table, a height by no means trifling, and the old septuagenarian immediately flung off his boots and accomplished the feat with marvelous agility! MCKENZIE has his numerous crotchets, and may often have erred in the course he has pursued, but every candid mind must give him credit for a degree of honesty, devotedness to what he conceives to be the public good, and straightforward integrity, that is, unhappily, far from being a common characteristic of politicians. The political game has enriched many of his compeers but MCKENZIE in the closing years of his political life was poorer when he commenced it. Through good report and through bad report he has struggled on, and expended his energies in contributing in a very considerable degree to the prosperity of his country, to the injury rather than the advancement of his own private interests. Only last week for want of sufficient support, he was compelled to discontinue his *Weekly Message*, one of the most curious and instructive newspapers published in Canada. Although an earnest champion of the popular cause, he is too much a disdainer of clap-trap and *humbug to be himself essentially a popular man*, or at least to reap the rewards yielded to those who indiscriminately pander to the popular taste.

No fewer than four cases in which human life has been taken, have been before the Assize Court for the Counties of York and Peel, now sitting in Toronto. The first of these was the SHEPPARD murder. SHEPPARD, a quiet, unoffending young man, the son of a respectable farmer in this neighborhood, left his father's last Fall to work on the Grand Trunk Railroad, in the township of Scarboro. There, one Sunday morning, he was found on the road at the point of death, having had his skull brutally beaten in by a huge stick which still lay on his head. Before his death all that he could articulate was his own name. Three men—GLEASON, MCGRATH and HURLEY—were apprehended on suspicion, and the two former were tried for murder, the third being received as a witness. HURLEY stated that the deceased was beaten to death by GLEASON, in spite of the interference of himself and MCGRATH who were present, and that the only reason GLEASON gave was that the deceased was a Protestant. MCGRATH pleaded not guilty, but GLEASON gave in a plea of guilty, and was then allowed to give his version of the affair in the witness-box. He admitted having knocked the deceased down three times with a billet of wood, but stated that he then set him on his way home, and that he was followed by MCGRATH, who dispatched him. He also put into MCGRATH's mouth the same reason for the murder that had been attributed to himself by HURLEY, viz.: that the deceased was an Englishman and a Protestant. The Jury were divided as to MCGRATH's guilt, two holding out for acquittal; and, after being shut up for twenty hours without coming to an agreement, they were discharged. The case will be tried again at their sitting.

The Queen Prosecutor, in reference to one case, was placed in a rather difficult predicament. Two men were in the woods together in a neighboring township. One cut down a tree, which, falling on the other, killed him, and a coroner's jury sitting on the body found a verdict of manslaughter, so, against the tree, but the man who felled it! The crown officer would willingly have thrown it aside, but he had no other alternative than to lay an indictment for the alleged offence before the Grand Jury, who, of course, by a unanimous vote ignored the bill.

FROM JAMAICA.

Retrenchment—Politics—Commerce—The Opera—Copper Mines—The Cholera.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

KINGSTON, JA., FRIDAY, Dec. 29, 1854.

The Governor in his opening speech has not propounded one single measure as to the means by which the country may be relieved of those difficulties which at present exist. Sunk as we are on every side, what could he propose to retrieve the fallen fortunes of this once prosperous country? and by whose hands has this severe infliction been perpetrated? Most assuredly the British Government, who, wedded to her Free-trade policy, prosperous as it has been to her own interests, cares very little for her subjects in the Western Archipelago; she will never consent to reduce the duties upon our staples or raise that of the foreigner,—that evidently is a settled point never to be disturbed. I have heard it said by those who are in the confidence of the Governor, that he has promised to do all in his power with the Home Government, by faithfully representing the grievous decadence which this country has undergone, and to which it is still subject. The British Government may what the Governor may, will never modify her fiscal relations with respect to Sugar, Rum and Coffee. The only and secure way by which the country may be relieved is by *retrenchment* in every department of her expenditure; level this judiciously and honorably, then, and not till then can we ever hope for improvement. Reduce the heavy burden of taxation under which the people are now groaning; unless this be equitably met and materially brought down, we may memorialize, Governors may intercede, but we shall never overcome our wretched condition.

The mercantile community are writhing under what they consider an imposition on them, which I consider more properly belongs to the people to complain of; the die is cast however, and they and the mass must endure the indiction with the best grace they can—no doubt the importers will have to suffer great annoyances at the hands of the Inspectors of Invoices, by having their packages knocked about and their fine goods materially impaired, by the nice comparisons of various prices in invoices of the same articles, which they will have to scrutinise in the detection of fraud on the revenue.

The House of Assembly have adjourned till Wednesday the 17th proximo, when the Scrutiny Committees will commence their labors.

The Italian Opera Company have arrived with additional numbers to their corps when last here, in 1851. They appeared for the first time this season on Wednesday evening, the 20th instant, and intend giving twenty performances. The encouragement manifested by the community is beyond credibility, considering the present impoverished state of the country; upwards of $5,000 were received for season tickets—an evident proof of the musical character of the *élite* of our city.

I promised in my last letter to make every effort to collect the best information as to the operations of the Copper mines connected with Dr. BARRETT's Company; and I think I have succeeded in that respect, by obtaining the following encouraging prospects from a source the most reliable. The facts have been gathered from those who have been on the spot, at my special request, upon whose veracity and sound geological attainments I can place the most implicit confidence. These are the opinions of the party:

The progress of the works at the mines is very satisfactory. The Rio Grande Copper Mining Company, though beset with many unexpected difficulties, are now in proper working order. Levels have been driven on the course of five lodes, four of which improve as they progress into the mountains—the fifth, though not bearing much ore, appears favorable; and at depth rich ore is expected, all bearing in the same direction. The strata is highly encouraging, and the mountains in which they are situate are lofty. The height and steepness of the mountains render shafts quite unnecessary. The water-power is abundant, labor easily procured. All that is now required is energy in the prosecution of the undertaking. *From the nature of this* faithful description, I entertain not the slightest doubt that the final results of these mines will be attended with fruitful advantage. Time, perseverance and means will are long accomplish all that is desirable by those whose interests are bound up in this speculation,—an abundant harvest is in reserve for them; and like the "Charing Cross" mines, now so flourishingly progressing, every hope is entertained of perfect success and profitable results.

Cholera I regret to say is still lingering about the country parishes, and seems to me to become native indemic. Many have fallen victims to this merciless scourge within the last fortnight, in several districts where, unfortunately, few medical men are at command. I may add that all over the Island, this necessary requirement is deeply to be deplored. Should an epidemic prevail so fatally as in the years 1851 and '53, then Jamaica will have arrived at the climax of distress. No one to prepare the "Bitter Bush" treatment, the poor miserable being pays no attention to the premonitory symptoms—spasms ensue, collapse follows, and in many cases they drop off in four or five hours after the attack. How dreadful is it to think of so formidable an enemy, and the little care evinced to procure medical aid on these trying occasions, for our unfortunate sufferers.

Card from Mr. Wikoff.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

SIR: I made up my mind when I published *My Courtship and its Consequences*, to submit in silence, if not with unruffled patience, to whatever *might befall me in the way of criticism*. I resolved to endure without protest or remonstrance the comments and inferences, however unjust, or the ridicule and abuse that might possibly follow its perusal.

The only exception that I could foresee where my silence might be misconstrued, was in the case of my facts being assailed or my statements distorted or denied. Notwithstanding the extraordinary attention the book has attracted from the Press, in all parts of the country, I have to congratulate myself upon the fair and generous spirit that has inspired the very ample and able notices bestowed upon it. Thus far, the only instance where I have had reason to complain of misrepresentation, has occurred in the columns of the DAILY TIMES. I am fully convinced that this emanated from no unkindly motives, or that it was dictated by any uncharitable, much less, malicious feeling. I attribute it solely to the probable haste that attended the perusal of the book and the preparation of its review by your critic. A more careful examination of the text, would have likely brought him to different conclusions, and certainly have prevented him from gainsaying proofs that "he who runs might read."

As I am seriously anxious that the authority of your journal may not be given to any garbled views of my case, may I appeal to your impartiality for the rectification of such important errors in your notice of my book, as, with your permission, I will proceed to point out.

Your critic declares that "the lady denies giving any promise of marriage." I beg to reply that "the lady" in question denies nothing of the sort. The testimony of the United States Consul, however, on this point, is conclusive. In his letter to the then Prince President of France, page 268, he states that Miss GAMBLE always admitted "that she had promised to marry Mr. WIKOFF." If more evidence is necessary to measure the complete of your critic, I hold myself ready to furnish it.

Again: The skepticism of your reviewer is equaled touching my version of the conduct of Mr. JOSHUA BATES, of who, "I know not why," he says, "I incline, having made my acquaintance in his mature age." I confess, truly, that I did say Mr. BATES denied, both to me and others, his alleged influence in the matter, but I do not require your critic to rely upon my assertions merely. In order that every doubt on this essential point may be finally discarded from his mind, I invite his attention to the perusal of Mr. BATES' own letter, page 157, which he must entirely have overlooked in his cursory examination of the book.

Once more. "No wonder," says your critic, "that Lord PALMERSTON, *if he ever employed and salaried* Mr. WIKOFF," &c., &c. It is equally clear here as before, that the reviewer must have tossed over two leaves for one, else he could not have failed to see the letter of Mr. ADDINGTON, H. B. M. Under Secretary of State, page 268, and its perusal would necessarily have saved him from all suspense touching both the fact of my employment, and the certainty of my remuneration.

I do not mean to assert, or insinuate, that your critic wrote in a spirit of *suggestio falsi*, but without intending to assign to him any intentional motives, I am forced to declare him convicted of more than one instance of *suppressio veri*, which in my case, if not in all others, may be attended with consequences both serious and painful.

I shall feel obliged, Sir, by the insertion of this letter, which may tend, in a degree, to repair the injury I have undoubtedly sustained by the unpremeditated, but grievous mistakes of your able but careless reviewer. Very respectfully, &c.,

TUESDAY, Jan. 23, 1855. HENRY WIKOFF.

He is Not a Myth.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

I am satisfied. The curiosity of three years' *prolonged suffering and anxiety is satisfied*. The readers of *all* the New-York Dailies and some of the Sundays, who, like this child, have endured the torture of doubt, may also rest satisfied henceforth and for years to come. *I have seen him*—not SAM—but HIM, the patent manifold, cast iron, veritable correspondent and universal weather clerk of *all* the Dailies and some of the Sundays aforesaid, "E. MERIAM." And I undertake to say, and say it boldly, he is no myth. He was in the Astor House this morning, "incorporate" as you or I, Mr. Editor, and ten-fold more ubiquitous than either of us. I tell you, Sir, there is no mistake about it. He hath a being; he is a person; an individual; in shape a man, and in occupation, I need scarcely add, an enormous genius. Why, Sir, as our old acquaintance in Chambers-street, *Capt. Cuttle*, says of *his* friend, *Jack Bunsby*, there's whole chunks of wisdom in *that* head, and when it rains—not the head, but the weather—or hails or snows or blows, when the harbor is out of order or the fate of the *Arctic* to be accounted for; the Legislature in session and the affairs and interests of Wards Nos. 1 and 2—especially *No.* 1—are to be looked after at Albany; Congress in Session, and Dr. KANE to be sent for; or any thing generally to be explained and written about, "E. M." can give "an opinion as *is* an opinion."

My astonishment on beholding this man, pointed out as he casually was by a friend, partook largely of a feeling of veneration. The boy at school who had long heard of the letter A, but had never seen it before, described more nearly than anything I can now think of, the sensation which the discovery created. I had called at the Astor to have a look at our new Governor, but my mission was forgotten in silent admiration at the movements of one whom I had always deemed a mystical seer of uncertain existence, if really existing at all. He appeared to be all over the "Old Stone Jug," at one and the same moment. I peeped in at No. 41 on the Governor's levee, and he was there; the Governor's right hand. Presently, I asked a friend to point out the Mayor, and lo! "E. M." was surrounding him. I asked for other notabilities, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer, Comptroller, &c., and the same shadow moved around each. WALTER R. JONES I thought I had seen, and GEORGE W. BLUNT heard before, but the one sunk to a pigmy and the other talked in whispers, by the side of this ever-present, all-knowing "E. M." I took a turn down stairs, to say "how d'do" to General STETSON and Captain COLEMAN. Saw their shadow, but the gentlemen themselves were not *at*. *The tall, portly and commanding form of STETSON*, and the brisk, Yankee step of COLEMAN were no where to be seen. There was only one notability in the whole establishment, from the bulls-eyes down to the coal-hole. LOCHIEL.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Mock Auction Swindle—Another "Settlement."

On Tuesday morning a resident of West Farms, Westchester County, named CAMILLE LAVENY, made application to the Mayor for official assistance respecting a mock auctioneer who had swindled him to the tune of $11. The youth was induced to enter the establishment of J. B. SHERVES, in Broadway, where he soon after found himself the purchaser of a worthless brass watch for $11—a sum which he paid down, and hastened to the City Hall for redress. The case was handed over to Col. MING, who dispatched Sergeant BROWN to the store, and the rogue was brought before Mayor WOOD. The victim assured the officials he could not remain in town long enough to prosecute the offender, and a "settlement" was at once effected by the auctioneer refunding the money to the stranger.

Narrow Escape from Loss of Life.

The celebrated Portrait Painter, Mr. CHARLES ELLIOTT, of this City, had a narrow escape from being instantly killed on Monday morning, at the Yonkers Dépôt of the Hudson River Railroad *He attempted to leap on the foremost car of the* early train, while it was in motion. He was unable to gain a solid footing on the steps and was drawn under the car, but owing to his physical strength, he managed to hold on the iron uprights, until the engineer slackened the speed. Fortunately Mr. ELLIOTT escaped uninjured, but was left in a prostrate condition, which required medical attention to relieve him.

Arrest of Newsboys for Selling an Obscene Paper.

By order of Mayor WOOD, the Chief's force made an onslaught on Tuesday on the newsboys who were selling an obscene weekly paper, called the *Broadway Belle*. The little urchins at once made known the proprietors of the paper, and also the street, and number of the office. Officer MASTERSON was sent to the head-quarters of the concern with the boys, and compelled the publishers to refund them the money for all the papers they had left.

The Fire Annihilator Again.

PHILLIPS' (or BARNUM'S) famous Fire Annihilator has again occasioned some noise in this City. One of them exploded in KENNEDY'S City Express office, No. 58 William-street on Tuesday afternoon, and created an alarm of fire. The report caused much surprise, it being generally supposed that the thing had exploded long ago. It was experimenting on its own responsibility, however, and directly contrary to patent, but failed as signally to kindle as it had some time before to quench a fire, for it only succeeded in blackening a portion of the wall and frightening the clerks out of the store and into the street.

Presentation to Capt. Hopkins.

The citizens of the Third Ward have presented Capt. JAMES A. F. HOPKINS with a magnificent gold hunting watch and guard chain, valued at $350, as a testimonial for his valuable services, as Captain of the Police in that District, for the last six years. The recipient is a deserving member of the Police Department, and has always performed his duties with equal fidelity and honor to the appointing power.

THE SLAVE TRADE.

Investigation of a Charge against Mr. J. Filletti.

The following additional evidence in this case was elicited yesterday before U. S. Commissioner MORTON:

Allen Wilson, called for the defence, sworn—I reside in Jersey City; my husband is a sea-faring man, and sails in the *Mina Sheffield*, and is captain of that vessel; up to 1852 and 1853, I had resided for several years in New-Orleans; I remember that between the months of December and January, and 1852 and 1853, two gentlemen took tea at my house; they were Capt. Stone and Capt. Filletti; Capt. Filletti is now in Court; he remained at my house about an hour and a half; he said he had to go and get shingles to take Col. Falconbill on the *Amphitrite*, of which he was the master; a few weeks after I saw him again on the Levee, but did not see him afterwards until to-day when I recognized him; on my asking him about the matter he said he recollected taking tea at my house on the evening referred to above; my husband was absent when he took tea at my house; he was going from New-York to Brazos; on my husband's return I told him that Capt. Stone had brought an old gentleman named Filletti to our house; my husband said he knew Mr. Filletti well.

Cross-examined—I went to New-Orleans in 1847, in July, and I left last August.

John Patterson, sworn: I am master of a brig sailing from this port; from the 27th of September, 1853, to the 28th of December, 1852, I was in New-York; I saw Captain Filletti in the beginning of 1853, when he arrived in New-Orleans; I think it was in January; he arrived in the *Amphitrite*, a new vessel from Baltimore; he made one or two voyages between that time and the time I left New-Orleans for here; I saw him nearly every day when he was there; I knew that Messrs. Barrell & Co. were interested in the *Amphitrite*; the entry in the book here produced is in the handwriting of Mr. Barrell, who was Sicilian Consul; I have known Capt. Filletti for twenty years, and never heard anything against him as a man of honor; I believe him to be a man of kindness and humanity; I never heard of his being engaged in the Slave trade; I understand he has a family in New-Orleans; I never knew or saw Capt. Kraft; I never knew Capt. Filletti by any other name.

Cross-examined—From May, 1852, until this Spring, I did not see Capt. Filletti.

Robert D. Smith sworn—I am Captain of the ship *Antoinette*; I have known Captain Filletti well for four or five years; I saw him several times during the year 1853 in New-Orleans; he was captain of the schooner *Amphitrite*; I saw him three or four times between February and December of that year; I was sailing in and out of that port; I saw him probably a dozen times; my vessel was in New-Orleans during September and October; on that occasion I saw Captain Filletti; I have always known Captain Filletti as a man of honor and accomplished character, and I never knew him to be charged before with being in the Slave trade; somewhere in the month of December, 1852, I again saw Captain Filletti in New-Orleans; I do not know Captain Kraft.

Cross-Examined—I will not say positively I saw Capt. Filletti in May; I will not fix either September or October, but I was in that port between those months; the *Amphitrite* was a fore-and-aft schooner, I should judge a trifle over a 100 tons; she was painted black with a red streak; I do not know if she was repainted about that time.

John Wilson, sworn: In December, 1852, and January, 1853, I was in New-York and on my passage to Brazos Santiago; I was informed about that time by a letter from Capt. Stone, of his and Capt. Filletti taking tea at my house; it was mailed in New Orleans, in November, 1852, and I received it in New-York the same month; I had just launched the vessel and was then loading her up; I left New-York Dec. 20, 1852; it is possible I received the letter in December; I saw Capt. Filletti in July or August, 1853; I saw Capt. Filletti in New-Orleans; he was captain of the schooner *Amphitrite*; I left for New-York on the 8th of August; I have known Capt. Filletti out of New-Orleans eight or ten years; I have never known any crime to be charged against him before; he has been for many years in the Gulf trade out of New-Orleans, for Messrs. Barilla & Co., a very respectable house.

Cross-Examined—I never heard that he was on the Coast of Africa; I was told by Capt. Filletti here that some one had charged him with having been in the slave-trade; I cannot say positively that it was not in June, 1852, when I saw him; I was not there in May; I did not see him again until February, 1853; the *Amphitrite* was a fore-and-aft schooner, Baltimore built—a very pretty vessel I should say—of about 115 or 120 tons; she was painted black.

The case was adjourned to Monday at 12 o'clock.

TRADE-MARKS.

Decision of the Imperial Court of Appeals of Paris upon Trade-Marks.

We publish below by direction of Messrs. F. COTELLUET & ATHERTON, No. 46 Broad-street, the manufacturer's agents for the United States, and in compliance with a decree of the Imperial Court of Appeals of Paris, its judgment and decree upon an appeal made from the Tribunal of Commerce of Paris, respecting the exclusive ownership and title of the present proprietor and manufacturer, ERNEST COMPERE, to the well-known mark "Bejou" for kid gloves, which, from the decision referred to below, will be seen was clearly established. It is decidedly for the public benefit, and but justice to individual enterprise, that every attempt to counterfeit or misrepresent trade-marks and labels should be considered as an attempt to counterfeit a coin or bank note, representing a certain value, and the laws which now elect to this effect should be accordingly applied. Our own Courts, as well as those of Paris, seem lately to have looked upon the question in this light.

Translation of judgment of the 6th of February, 1854, delivered by the Tribunal of Commerce of Paris, in the suit between Ernest Compère, of Paris, glove manufacturer, and Bajou, of Grenoble, landholder, late glove maker, and others, after deliberations according to law, concerning Bajou. Upon the claim for suppression of the manufacturer's mark.

Whereas, It is proved that in April, 1841, Bajou verbally assigned to Morel his business of a glove-maker, for a price agreed upon between the parties; that Bajou comprised in this assignment, not only the fabrication and the accessories used in carrying on the said business, but also the good-will thereto attached.

That for such purpose Morel was authorized by Bajou to adopt, exclusively of every other person, the description of successor to Bajou, and to use as the mark for his gloves the stamp employed by him as the manufacturer's mark, being the *fac simile* of his signature.

That it was also agreed Bajou should not have the right to establish, to purchase or to be a partner "*en commandite*" in any manufacture of this nature, either at Paris or in any other town of France, with the exception of Grenoble; and, moreover, that he could only in such last-mentioned town deal in gloves called Grenoble manufacture, and marked with the stamp of that town.

Whereas, In November, 1830, after carrying on the business for about ten years, Morel assigned the same business to Compère, the plaintiff in this cause, with the same provisions of transfer as had been entered into with him, and for a price much more considerable than that for which he had purchased it from Bajou; that this augmentation in the price is explained by the much more important amount of business done.

Whereas, Since Compère has become the owner of the said business, Bajou, wishing to make use of the *right reserved to him upon the assignment by him to* Morel, manufactured or caused to be manufactured by Francou, at Grenoble, a certain quantity of gloves, upon which he thought he might stamp his signature, his former manufacturer's mark.

Whereas, It is not denied that the said gloves thus marked have been sent to and sold at New-York—being a City which has always, and is still at this day a market for the productions of the manufacture and the business in question;

That it is shown, moreover, that advertisements have been inserted in a certain number of the American journals, recommending to the public the name of Bajou as being the celebrated glove-maker who has recommenced his business, and that these advertisements are the acts of Bajou or his agents.

Whereas, Compère at the same time recognizing Bajou's right to deal in gloves called Grenoble manufacture, and *at Grenoble*, denies that of affixing his former manufacturer's mark upon them, and of so ling them by virtue of this mark.

That it imports, therefore, to determine what was the mutual intention of the parties upon the assignment to Morel by Bajou, and the value of the reservation made by the latter to deal in gloves called Grenoble manufacture, with the stamp of that town.

Whereas, It results from information collected by the Tribunal, that the manufacturer's mark for this species of industry—this mark being advantageously known—is an indispensable auxiliary for insuring a sale, more especially in America; that, besides, it is not the custom in Grenoble to mark with one's name the gloves which are manufactured there.

Whereas, In assigning for a certain sum his good-will to Morel, Bajou really assigned all his right to the manufacturer's mark, in which the true value of the business consisted, since it is upon this mark that the custom depended.

That it is, therefore, in vain Bajou pretends now that he has the right to apply to his present manufacture the manufacturer's mark, which he has assigned to Morel, and of which Compère has become the owner. That thereby he would not only seek to resume that which he has assigned, and of which he has received the price, but also would endeavor to apply for his own benefit the increased custom procured by Morel. That it is in effect proved that the annual average of Bajou's business was 10,000 dozen, and that of Morel has risen to nearly 20,000 dozen.

AS TO THE DAMAGES.

Whereas actual injury has been done to Compère, not only through the sales made by Bajou, under the manufacturer's mark, which he had no right to take, but also from the advertisements in the newspapers above mentioned; that the tribunal possesses sufficient grounds for estimating this injury, and that it fixes the damages at 6,000 francs.

AS REGARDS FRANCOU.

Whereas it is shown that Francou has only acted by the order and for the account of Bajou, and that nothing forbids him to fulfill these orders, that, therefore, Compère's claim for damages, as against Francou, is unfounded.

AS REGARDS MOREL.

Whereas he sold in good faith to Compère that which he had bought of Bajou; that the act whereof the latter declared in entirely foreign to Morel, from whom it follows that Compère has brought an erroneous action.

On these grounds, the Tribunal condemns Bajou to pay to Compère the sum of 6,000 francs for his wrong in the manner made of his gloves, and adjudges him to all legal costs, even by edict, conformably to the laws of the 17th April, 1825, and 15th December, 1846, to pay to Compère the sum of 6,000 francs for damages. (Declares the claim of Compère against Francou and Morel unfounded; rejects the same; and adjudges him to the expenses in this respect.)

Adjudges Bajou to the rest of the expenses, comprising the cost of the registration of this judgment.

Decree of First Chamber of the Imperial Court of Paris, on appeal from the foregoing judgment.

After hearing the conclusions and pleadings of Paillet, counsel for Compère, assisted by Denjin, his attorney, Etienne Blanc, counsel for Compère, assisted by Arnault, his attorney, Rios Lequesne, counsel for Morel, assisted by Drelon, his attorney, and having deliberated thereon according to law,

The Court seeing the similarity, unites the appeals in chief and the incidental appeal by Bajou and Compère from the judgment of the Tribunal of Commerce of Paris, of the 6th of February last, and allowing the same.

AS REGARDS THE APPEALS IN CHIEF.

Adopting the grounds of the previous Judges, and considering besides that in the mutual intention of the parties at the time of the agreement of the 1st April, 1841, the right of placing upon the gloves which might be manufactured in the future, the stamp till then employed by Bajou, was one of the essential ingredients of the contract.

That the stamp being the only means of establishing the source of the goods, and of returning the custom depending on it, has become by the force of the circumstances an necessary to the business transferred to Morel, that it can consequently be a matter for assignment to a second purchaser; that the arrangements adopted by Bajou to make known abroad the trade which he has commenced carrying on again, have no other object than to take from the actual owners of the business a part of the benefits which have been insured to them.

AS REGARDS THE INCIDENTAL APPEAL.

Considering that agreements between merchants ought to be faithfully executed; that the sum allowed Compère for damages is now sufficient to repair the injury which he has sustained.

That it behooves, moreover, to take measures fitting to prevent this injury for the future.

Has made and makes void the appeal and the subject thereof; and as the damages have only been fixed at 6,000 francs, and as insertion has not been ordered; amending as to this, adjudges Bajou by all legal means *to pay to Compère the sum of 10,000 francs for damages.*

Orders that the judgment and this decree be inserted at the expense of Bajou in two French newspapers and two American newspapers at the choice of Compère. The judgment as to the rest to take effect.

Orders the restitution of the amount deposited upon the incidental appeal.

Adjudges Compère in the amount deposited on his appeal.

Adjudges Bajou in the amount deposited on his appeal, and in the expenses towards all parties, of which the settled expenses are as follows: Those caused by Compère, 1892. 17c.; those caused by Morel, 75f. 70c., and this not comprising the fees for qualifying, registration of original costs and service of this present decree, award is made to each as concerns him, to the attorney who have required it, affirming that they have advanced the same.

Made and delivered in the Imperial Court of Paris, Saturday, 24 June, 1854, at the public audience of the First Chamber, when were present and sitting M. Delangle, First President, M. de Vergès, President, Messieurs Espivant, Try, Perret, De Cheyrelles the elder, Bergasse, Mourre, Noel Du Payrat, Duranton, Barbou, Lemaim, counsellors.

In presence of M. de la Baume, First Attorney General.

Taken down by M. Fournier, Registrar at the audience.

We command and order all summoners, hereunto required, to put this decree in execution; our Procurator General, our Procurators of the Tribunal of 1st instance to assist.

All Commandants and officers of the Executive power to lend assistance when lawfully required.

In faith whereof the minute of this decree has been signed by the First President and the Registrar.

In the margin is written:

Registered at Paris 16th June, 1854, folio 140, case 8. Received 121 francs.

Signed, LAFFEUILLADE.

For the Court, signed CHEZE.

Decision in Admiralty.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT—Jan. 30.

Before Judge Ingersoll.

DAMAGE TO CARGO—BURDEN OF PROOF.

Clement A. Augin Ordt et al. vs. The Ocean Steam Navigation Company.—The facts of this case are as follows: On the 23d of May, 1853, the duly authorized agent of the Ocean Steam Navigation Company at Havre signed a bill of lading for ten cases of ribbons, which the respondents had received from Messrs. Deze & Kopstadt. By the bill of lading they acknowledged the receipt of the goods in good order and well conditioned, to be forwarded from Havre to Southampton by the Southwestern Steam Navigation Company's steamer *Nord*, and there transhipped on board the respondents' steamer *Washington*, to be carried to New-York, and there delivered to the libelants in like good order and condition, (the acts of God, enemies, pirates, restraints of princes and rulers, fire at sea and on shore, accidents from machinery, boilers, steam, or any other accidents of the seas, rivers and steam navigation, of whatsoever nature or kind, excepted.)

The goods were carried to Southampton, and placed on board the *Washington*, which arrived in New-York in the first part of June, having had a quiet and pleasant passage, with no rough weather, and without any accident to the steamer or her machinery. But on the delivery of the same here it was found that some of the ribbons in three of them had been damaged, and the libel is filed to recover the loss occasioned thereby, which is stated at about $780.

The ribbons were fresh from the manufactory and *came from different establishments. Each piece was* rolled on a block in the usual way, and were packed in boxes about twelve inches by six, and about three inches high, from 12 to 15 rolls being packed in each box. The boxes were made of white pasteboard—some of them glazed. Common wrapping paper was put around each box, and about fifty boxes were placed in each case. The cases were made of French pine, and wrapped round with straw, over which was a linen wrapper. They were placed in a dry part of the steamer, on the orlop or berth deck, a place appropriated for French goods, which was separated from the boiler, furnace and engine by a thick partition of boiler iron, and every precaution which prudence could dictate was taken by the respondents to exclude heat and the escape of steam from those decks.

The ribbons were of various colors, the more delicate colors being in these three cases.

The damage complained of was manifested in a change in their color; in streaks and in spots, the less delicate colors not being injured. The milk-white was changed to a dull yellowish tinge, and where this change of color appeared, it extended over the whole piece, from the outside to the block. There was no appearance of damage on the wrappers of the cases, or on the cases, or on the wrappers of the boxes, or on the boxes, and no appearance that they had been wet or damp.

Held by the Court, That, under the bill of lading, the respondents must be responsible for the damage, unless they show that it was occasioned by one of the excepted causes in the bill of lading, or that it existed before the ribbons came into their possession, or that it was produced by a cause which had its origin before they received them at Havre.

That upon the evidence the damage was not occasioned by heat merely. Damage occasioned by heat shows itself in a different way. To occasion it, the heat must be excessive, and there was no such excessive heat where these ribbons were stowed.

That it was not occasioned by the escape of steam after they were packed in the boxes. If it had been, some trace of damage would have been shown by the paper around the boxes. No such trace was found. Steam could not penetrate to those decks, except in case of an accident to the machinery and no such accident happened.

That there can be no doubt that the original cause of the damage was dampness, the damage being made to manifest itself as it did by heat.

That if this dampness had been occasioned by water reaching the ribbons after they were placed in the boxes, some evidence of it would have appeared on the boxes, wrappers and cases. But none such could be found. There is no probability that water could have reached them where they were stowed, under the circumstances.

That the ribbons must therefore have been damp when rolled, or must have become so after they were rolled but before they were packed, and therefore before they came into the possession of the respondents.

That though this damage would have manifested itself differently if the ribbons had been brought in a sailing vessel, and though the peculiar manner of manifestation of the damage was caused by the warmth and dryness of the steamer, yet the dampness was the cause of the damage to the ribbons, and for that the respondents are not liable.

Libel dismissed with costs.

For libelants, Mr. W. A. Butler; for respondents, Messrs. Martin, Strong & Smith.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—Jan. 30.

Before Hon. Judge Thompson.

Diffe vs. *Erbe.*—On the 10th day of January, instant, a judgment by default was entered in this action, on motion of Peter W. Tellez, who appeared for the defendant. Mr. Velice, counsel for the plaintiff, now moves to open that default, and that the plaintiff be permitted to prosecute the action. The only question which arises upon the motion is, whether the default should be opened, with costs to the defendant. Tellez had never been licensed to practice as an attorney in any of the Courts of the State. Counsel for plaintiff contends, therefore, that the defendant is not entitled to costs. By the provisions of the R. S., part 1, chapter 3, title 1, section 1, counsellors and attorneys may be licensed to practice in the several Courts of law in this State. By title 4, section 56, of the same chapter, every male citizen of the age of twenty-one years, of good moral character, &c., may be licensed by the Justices of the Supreme Court to practice as attorneys and counsellors in all Courts in this State. By part 2, chapter 3, title 1, section 10, every person of full age and sound mind may prosecute or defend an action in person. By the next section, any person of good moral character, although not admitted as an attorney, may manage prosecute or defend a suit for any other person, provided he is specially authorized for that purpose by the party for whom he appears, in writing or by personal nomination in open Court. By the following section, whenever shall a person prosecute or defend any suit, shall receive the same fee for any service performed therein, which he would be entitled to receive if such service had been performed by an attorney or counsellor. In all cases where a licensed attorney appears in a suit or proceeding, the law raises an implied authority on his part to defend. In this case there is no pretense that the defendant had any authority whatever to appear for the plaintiff. It seems, that even if he had, neither he nor the defendant is entitled to any costs upon this motion. To entitle a party to costs in the Court in any cause proceeding, he must either be the attorney of the plaintiff, Court, or be some prosecutor or defend in person. And no person can appear in any action for other parties, unless the party present satisfactory proof that he is either an attorney or counsellor at law, or that he has been specially authorized to do so in accordance with the provisions of the statute. It is due to cause that this rule be strictly observed in all cases. The great amount of business here transacted—its importance and importance—demands that the Court should enforce every statute calculated to protect the rights and interests of litigating parties. Motion granted, without costs.

Dariscya, The *Hudson River Railroad Company*.—This action is brought to recover the value of two cases of goods. Plaintiffs proved that the defendants received the property on the 6th of June last. In August or September, the goods were demanded of an agent of the defendants. A memorandum of the demand showed that the cases had been marked for New-Hamburg, Dutchess County. The fact was, the goods had been marked for Bloomfield, New-Jersey, and had been delivered to the defendants by the mistake of the plaintiff's carman. There was no proof offered to show that the goods had been lost, or that they had not been received by the consignees. The allegation of the plaintiff is that the goods were not delivered to the consignees. Although the allegation is a negative one, yet some proof should have been introduced to support it. Judgment for the defendants.

Rusk vs. *Evans* and others.—The plaintiff is a stevedore. The defendants are the owners of the British ship Queen of the Avon. In November last, the captain of the ship employed the plaintiff to load and unload her cargo. The plaintiff engaged several men and a team to perform the work. The time occ

RAILWAY MISMANAGEMENT.

NEW-YORK AND HARLEM RAILROAD.

Extraordinary Report of Nicholas Dean, the New President.

To the Stockholders of the New-York and Harlem Railroad Company:

At your meeting of the 15th of August last, held at Tammany Hall, in the City of New-York, the following, among other resolutions, was passed:

Resolved, That the Directors make out and have printed, a full and complete report of the condition and affairs of the Company, to be distributed to the stockholders on or before the first of February next."

In discharge of this duty the Directors present the following Report, which is wholly the work of the President, who, having but recently taken his seat at your Board, has never, in any degree, been connected with the management of the Company, and is therefore, on relating to the past, an unprejudiced inquirer.

It has been his endeavor to make all the statements as plain and practical as possible,—to avoid the mystery often involved in a recitation of figures, and so to classify and condense the receipts and disbursements as to exhibit each in its simplest form. Nothing affecting the interest of the stockholders has been concealed, extenuated, or misstated. The estimates for the future are based upon data as well considered as to command confidence, and no material discrepancy is expected to appear. Every known source of incident likely to change or modify them, has been considered and taken heed.

The Report is submitted to the stockholders and the public as a document conveying all the information necessary to a thorough understanding of the affairs of this Company, past, present and prospective.

As no mention has been taken, in the body of the report, of the real estate belonging to the Company, situate in the City, it may be proper to state, that in the present week a portion of the market, or shanty, for any advantageous business to occur hereafter, it may always be reckoned upon to produce half a million of dollars beyond the remaining specific incumbrances upon it; if real estate were in active demand, it would give a surplus of more than seven hundred thousand dollars.

It was hoped that an exhibit of the accounts of Mr. ROBERT SCHUYLER, and of his firm, with this Company, might have been appended; but repeated applications to the assignees of that firm have not yet obtained their account current, nor can this Board, from any inducement which its members have made, throw much new light upon the transactions beyond the statement of August last; the actual loss to be sustained, if any, in the numerous and large transactions had with him, can only be made up at the end of several pending suits, and the final dividend upon his assets,—whatever it may be, the report will not be thereby changed or modified, because nothing is inserted to be received from that source.

CAPITAL APPLICABLE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD.

Old stock issued, including the fraudulent issue of $20,000	$4,216,050 00
Preferred stock	1,300,000 00
Funded debt	2,714,361 46
Floating debt	813,303 54
Total	$9,243,045 00

COST OF ROAD AND EQUIPMENT.

Construction and masonry, bridges, superstructure, including sites, passenger and freight stations, building and repairs, land, land damages and fences, including city real estate	$5,505,969 63	
Locomotives and tender, steam engines, horses and equipage	360,618 19	
Passenger, freight and other cars	390,280 67	
Albany extension certificates, notes	1,856,300 00	
		$8,127,299 09
Deficiency: Assumed for by the above fraudulent stock, for which nothing has been received in the money	200,000 00	
Iron on hand, paid for, but not used	207,830 09	
Interest, discount on bonds, commissions and brokerage, paid since May, 1837, 17 years	1,313,513 18	
		1,721,343 27
Excess		$9,848,642 36

This investigation of the large sums paid for interest, discounts, commissions, &c., has not been carried back beyond May, 1837, because enough is shown not only to account for the difference of $1,116,256 32 between "Capital," and the "Cost of the road," but also an excess beyond that difference of $614,005 94 which must have been drawn, in the early history of the road, from its earnings; but as no practical good can now arise from any attempt to discriminate between that portion of interest and discounts paid from capital, and that taken from earnings, it has not been attempted, nor would it be easy, from any data now available, to make such discrimination. In leaving this open remainder of $614,005 94, it is not to be inferred that it cannot be accounted for; the inquiry is not made, because non-essential to the purpose in hand.

ITEMS YET TO BE CHARGED TO CAPITAL.

Balance of outstanding "Albany Extension Certificates" to be retired by the further issue of the stock, or by cash purchase	$201,500 00	
To complete the road, as per detailed statement of the Engineer, submitted to the Stockholders in August last, $195,504 01; deduct that which there has been expended, and said sum that time to the 20th of November, 60,100 13	135,104 78	
		336,604 78
This sum of $336,604 78 added to capital already expended, as before shown, $9,243,045 02, makes a total sum of $9,579,649 80 to close the "Construction account;" but as a considerable time may elapse, in the present active state of the money market, before the outstanding debts of $813,343 54 can be funded (from the course we here hereinafter set forth, it is proper to estimate the final capital consumed, at		$10,000,000 00
Sources from which to fund the Floating Debt, and close "Construction Account."		
First mortgage bonds unappropriated and available	368,000 00	
Second mortgage bonds	1,000,000 00	
		1,368,000 00
Less for discount on first mortgage bonds, 25 per cent	77,000 00	
Less for discount on second mortgage bonds, 25 per cent	250,000 00	
		327,000 00
Total		$1,040,400 00
Floating debt as before	813,303 54	
Required to complete the road, see Engineer's estimate annexed	135,104 78	
		948,408 32
Leaving a surplus of		$111,901 68

This surplus will, however, be no more than sufficient, if enough, to carry the Floating Debt, and pay interest upon it till it can be funded.

Deduct the item of "Cost of Road and Equipment" is an item of "Iron on hand paid for, but not used $207,830 09." Most of this iron was purchased through Mr. ROBERT SCHUYLER, who received of the first mortgage bonds the means to pay for it. The iron was entered and warehoused, leaving the duties unpaid till it should be required to lay the second track between William's Bridge and White Plains. Recently, a portion of it being wanted for use, $24,000 of the duties were paid, and laborers employed to remove it from the Atlantic-dock store to Port Morris. After about 800 bars had been delivered, and vouchers of the iron—CHARLES ELLIS, and DEHAHAN, WOOD & Co.—filed their several complaints, and procured injunctions restraining this Company from using any more of it. These complaints have reported this Board of the fact that the Bonds so given to Mr. SCHUYLER had been converted by him to the use of his firm, and their notes issued for such purchases, in place of them. A portion of those notes remained unpaid at the time of the stoppage of his house, and his withdrawal from the country; upon this plea of failure of consideration, and other allegations (groundless, as this Board believes) the complainants place their claim.

There is another subject still open, affecting the final cost of the road, which requires to be taken in the estimate. Many title deeds for the right of way have not yet been executed, especially on the "Albany extension." In constructing this portion of the road, it often happened that owners assented to its passing through their lands on the route surveyed and marked, but left the amount of consideration to be determined after the completion of the work, when the general effect of the earnings and embankments would be made manifest, and the damage to contiguous grounds more readily seen and appreciated. Subsequent alterations in the route and grade have greatly complicated some of these cases, originated feelings of hostility and bitterness, and started pending suits at law. In others of them, persons with whom satisfactory arrangements were then made have since died, or sold their lands and removed away, leaving new parties in interest more anxious to disturb their carry into effect former compacts. It is thought, however, that these cases, and all other expenditures, will be fully covered by the sum allowed for ultimate capital, to wit: $10,000,000.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ROAD.

Length of road bed	1302 miles.
Length of double track, including sidings	271 miles.
Length of branches, owned by the Company, said	21 miles.
Length of double track on branches	2 miles.
Weight of rail per yard on main track	56 and 60 lbs.
Number of engine-houses and shops	10
Engines, stationary, locomotive and other, employed in horse-power	20
Passenger cars, first class	83
Passenger cars, second class and emigrant	7
Baggage, mail, and express cars	13
Freight cars	450
Total number of cars, exclusive of those used for construction	553

The road bed, superstructure, rolling stock, furniture, buildings, shops, stations, and everything instrumental to the running of the road, in good order, and believed to be in much better condition than at any previous time in its history.

EXPENSES OF REPAIRING THE ROAD.

Repairs of road bed and railway	$125,219 00
Cost of iron used in repairs	27,230 86
Taxes on Real Estate, including Assessments on City Property	12,900 00
Total	$175,304 06

In the first item above, "Repairs of road-bed," is included the outlay consequent upon the the great damage sustained by the extraordinary freshet of May last, in the destruction of bridges, culverts, embankments, &c., amounting to $94,016 70; and also the further sum of $31,946 63, which should have appeared in the statement of last year, but was suppressed by order of Mr. ROBERT SCHUYLER, under whose direction such statement was prepared, but without the knowledge of this Board, or any member of it.

EXPENSES OF REPAIRS AND MACHINERY.

Repairs to engines and tenders	$42,708 23
Repairs of passenger and baggage cars	16,065 77
Repairs of freight cars	17,500 00
Incidental expenses, including oil, fuel, watchmen, &c., about shops	3,847 00
Total	$80,761 04

Under this head, also, the disbursements have been greater than they would have been if current repairs of the rolling stock had been at all times equivalent to its wear; but it had been run down to a degree requiring large outlays to place it in good working order.

EXPENSES OF OPERATING THE ROAD.

Office expenses, stationery, printing	$15,023 13
Agents and clerks	33,339 99
Labor, loading and unloading freight	10,109 74
Switch tenders, wood and water station attendance, including $2,520 for pumping	49,681 06
Conductors, baggage and brakemen, City line, $11,761 17 included	56,820 69
Engineers and firemen	80,675 37
Fuel, cost and labor preparing	159,849 07
Oil and waste, for engines and tenders	12,646 38
Oil and waste for freight cars	5,943 61
Oil and waste for passenger and baggage cars	2,104 45
Loss and damage of goods and baggage	1,704 59
Damages for injuries to persons	1,703 43
Damages to property, including cattle killed on the road	1,189 27
General superintendence, salaries to officers, &c	11,900 26
Insurance, law expenses, rents, maintaining stable equipage, keep of horses, stabling do., drivers' wages, and all contingencies not before enumerated	157,912 17
Total	$531,404 95

PAYMENTS OTHER THAN FOR CONSTRUCTION.

Transportation expenses under the last three heads	787,540 58
Interest, premiums and discount, funded and floating debt	*104,319 95
Dividends for the year, preferred and old stock	102,841 00
Total	$1,174,701 51

RECEIPTS FROM EARNINGS OF THE ROAD.

From passengers	$930,680 60
From freight	239,976 56
From mail service, boulage of New-Haven cars, rents of real estate, &c	84,403 56
Total	$935,081 03

The footings of the last two heads show, that the payments for the year of transportation expenses, interest and dividends, exceed the earnings of the road, by | $239,640 49
But deducting the items suppressed last year by Mr. Schuyler | 57,856 38
Leaves the actual deficiency of the year | $181,784 11

In other words, there was earned of the dividends but $11,056 60, while the payments, as above, were $192,841; the deficiency, as last above stated $181,784 11, has gone to swell the floating debt. Inquiries have satisfied the writer that the dividends heretofore declared upon the "old stock" have seldom, if in any instance, been truly earned; they were the result of simulated statements, and exaggerated estimates; these dividends, in the aggregate, since February, 1850, inclusive, amount to $518,497, and this sum is now represented in the funded and floating debt.

It is notorious, that at no time when a dividend has been declared, was the money in the Treasury with which to pay it; each semi-annual period put the Company in the market as borrowers; and if the frauds of the late Secretary had not been perpetrated, and everything left to move in the beaten track, the Company could not have gone on for a long period before its increasing embarrassments would have forced minute and pains-taking investigations, and the fact above indicated have been disclosed.

In making up the statements of the earnings and disbursements of a railroad, for a dividend, consisting, as it necessarily must, of various elements and numerous items, a Board of Directors is almost entirely within the power of its principal officer, and so long as the "Construction Account" remains open, he may, if so disposed, most effectually mislead them.

No man, heretofore connected with Railroads in this country, ever achieved a greater reputation for ability in their management, than Mr. ROBERT SCHUYLER. So universal was this estimate of him, that it would have damaged the character (or sagacity of any man, who might express a doubt on the subject; nor was he less universally esteemed for his honesty and perfect integrity. This board, in common with all others with which he was connected, felt secure under his administration of its affairs; he it was who made up the semi-annual statements upon which dividends were declared, and voluntarily did the same service, even after he had left the Presidency of the road.

The Board, therefore, has no hesitation in saying that it has exhibited as much vigilance, and been as scrupulous in the matter of dividends, as would have been any the number of gentlemen chosen from the body of stockholders.

So also in regard to the fraudulent issue of stock by Alexander Kyle, it cannot, with any show of justice, be charged with remissness of duty: it never has been expected, and never can be, that a Board of Directors, as a whole, or by its committees, can supervise all the minute details of the business of a corporate body, so diverse and numerous as that of a railroad; it cannot, from day to day, foot up the columns of figures in its general account books, or examine the powers to transfer stock, and call off the daily postings in the stock ledger; these duties, so far as they are necessary, fall within the scope of those devolved upon its administrative officers; they should look to them; upon their sagacity and trustworthiness the Stockholders, as well as the Directors, must principally rely; if careless, false, or faithless, loss will happen before dereliction of duty can be discovered.

In the over-issue of stock of this company, peculiar circumstances not only favored the perpetrator, but for a long period screened him from discovery. For a series of years the daily sales of Harlem Railroad stock in Wall-street, were as often thousands as hundreds of shares; it would be a great convenience to dealers in it to have the transfer office in close proximity to the theatre of operations; the President was himself in business and had rooms at the very point, was ready to furnish convenient space, at a low rent, for the Secretary's desk, and if removed there, could more easily and conveniently exercise the necessary supervision over his acts. The removal was made by authority of our predecessors, and this board saw no reason to countermand it. Had no delinquency occurred, every *Stockholder* would at this moment *admit the wisdom of the step.*

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THE FUTURE.

The receipts of the road for the six months commencing 1st June last, and ending on the 1st of December instant, amount to $540,275 96, or at the rate of $1,100,000 per annum; a very large increase upon any previous exhibit. This is not referable to any new opening of traffic and travel, but to greater vigilance and industry in making existing sources more remunerative, especially, in providing such checks as secure the payment into the treasury of the earnings of the road.

This last remark may be sufficiently illustrated by reference to the advanced income derived from the City cars during the months of August, September, October and November. Last year these cars had the advantage of the increased travel induced by the attractions of the Crystal Palace; this year they have not had it, and yet the receipts compare as follows:

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Total increase, on City line only, in 4 mos.				$6,448 27

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Like investigations have proven that the annual charge made against and collected from the Third-avenue Railroad Company, for the use of the Harlem track in the Bowery, is far below any just remuneration; upon its discovery, immediate steps were taken to advance the compensation; and the negotiations for this object were nearly perfected, when a new Board of Directors, and under them new executive officers, came into the management of the Third-avenue road. What had been done for the matter, is therefore in a great degree lost; but no time will be wasted in carrying out the original object, nor is any doubt entertained of its successful termination.

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sale on the average charge beyond that point on the road—by William's Bridge—within which the commerce principally resides.

Arrangements have been perfected with the Western Railroad Company, between Chatham Four Corners and Albany, upon a footing of equity, through which, during the Winter, a profitable freight business is anticipated.

The City Railroads have, unanimously agreed to sell their tickets, when those now out shall have expired; this will add some thousands annually to our Treasury, though no pecuniary benefit can be felt on this road till after the 30th of June next, the period to which they run. The daily services of the road has been decreased four hundred and eighty-four miles, with increased receipts, and the monthly pay-rolls cut down $3,000.

These are some of the sources on which is based the expectation of immediate advance in the receipts of the road.

Prospectively, are the following elements of increased revenue. Of all the depressing influences with which the road has had to contend, and through which it has become impoverished, that of *Commutation Fares* holds the most conspicuous place. Upon submitting this matter to the test of figures, the Board is free to confess that results not obtained for which no previous examination had prepared a majority of its members; for while it was admitted that the commuters themselves were not paying a remunerative price, it was supposed that the collateral advantages resulting from the conveyance of their families, and other residents, not commuters, in their several localities, would furnish more than an equivalent, and justify the adoption of the system. The following statistics for the month of November past—a fair average of the year—dispels the illusion, and shows it to have been most destructive to the interests of the road:

RECEIPTS FROM COMMUTATION TRAINS FOR NOVEMBER, 1854.

Whole number of passengers from New-York by the 4.30 P. M. train	4,116		
Cash received from passengers, other than commuters for the month		$32 40	
Whole number of passengers per 5.00 P. M. train	6,633		
Cash received for the month		110 95	
Whole number of passengers per 5.30 P. M. train	6,726		
Cash received for the month		37 97	
Whole number of passengers per 6.15 P. M. train	6,700		
Cash received for the month		74 07	
Total number of passengers	32,190		
Cash received		$254 69	
Whole number of passengers to New-York by the 5.00 A. M. train	7,676		
Cash received from passengers, other than commuters, for the month		168 22	
Whole number of passengers per 6.40 A. M. train	6,708		
Cash received for the month		146 66	
Whole number of passengers per 8.30 A. M. train	5,836		
Cash received for the month		201 55	
Total number of passengers	19,222		
Cash received		636 43	
Number of passengers carried to and from the City for the month	13,117		
Cash received in these trains other than for commuters		691 14	
Cash received from commuters, 1-12th of annual payment		3,586 12	
Total		$4,476 26	

Showing that the Company has transported, by the seven designated trains, during the month of November—those trains being especially those used by commuters—13,117 passengers, and received for the service a total of $4,477 26, each passenger traveling an average distance of nine miles, or, which is the same thing, carrying one passenger 366,053 miles, being at the rate, *including the paying passengers* in each train, of one cent one and a half mills per mile. Striking out the paying passengers, the following result is had.

A commuter residing at Harlem, coming into the City in the morning and returning at evening, for the working days of the year only, will have traveled 4,851 miles, he pays $20 per annum or 79-100 of a cent per mile; one residing at Morrisania, by the same mode of communication, will pass over 6,280 miles, he pays $37, or 50-100 of a cent per mile,—and this over a railroad costing, by reason of the tunneling and bridging, more than three hundred thousand dollars a mile!

It is an established and universally admitted fact, that the charge for transporting passengers on railroads of average cost, cannot, without actual loss, be placed below two cents a mile; and that compensation can never make them a profitable investment of money; some roads in the West, of cheap cost, and on the great lines of travel, may place the fare as low as two and a quarter cents and make dividends, but in our State, so uneven in its surface and full of impediments to the structure of railroads, it will, probably, ere long be demonstrated that a fare of three cents per mile, for trains going twenty miles per hour and upwards, must be established.

If the passengers in the trains above specified had all paid at the rate of two cents a mile, the receipts for the month would have been $7,761 00, or an increase for the year of $39,465 60; if the fare were two and a half cents, *the lowest paying point*, even on a cheap road, the annual difference would be $62,688 84.

From these premises—and they may be relied upon for accuracy—it results that the system of commutation must be *abolished*, or the annual charge be increased. Nor should one further fact in relation to the subject be omitted:—the calculation is based upon the commuter's passing over the road but twice each day, whereas many of them do so four times; and more or less of them are present in every train.

It is not doubted, however, that a schedule of fares may be arranged satisfactory to all parties; the interests of the road and of the commuters are reciprocal; the one is desirous of furnishing the means of transit to and from the City, at the *lowest possible* paying price, the other requires the advantages derived from it, not only in reference to personal accommodation, but as an indispensable element in the future expansion and value of the beautiful villages on the margin of the road in Westchester County. Hence it is only necessary to approach the subject in a spirit of conciliation and compromise, to secure results beneficial to all.

In looking to the future for revenue, it is proper to notice the fact that the Providence, Hartford, and Fishkill Railroad is completed and in use, as far forward as Waterbury, Connecticut, and that the next link will connect it with the Harlem Road, at or near Croton Falls; this will open a new and convenient route to the City to a large population immediately on the line, or adjacent to the former road; overtures in relation to the subject have already been made, and it is more than probable that the year 1856 will see the work accomplished.

DIVIDENDS.

In estimating for these, sixty-five per cent. of the receipts is deducted for transportation expenses for next year, from the conviction that a less sum would prove fallacious and, inevitably lead to new disappointments. This unusual charge upon the earnings of the road arises from the fact that its business in the City, instead of being limited to one or two points, is distributed among six, viz.: Forty-second-street, Thirty-second-street, Twenty-sixth-street, Broome-street, corner of the Bowery; Centre, corner White-street, and Tryon-row—to which must be added the freight terminus at Port Morris, in Westchester County. At each of these stations, employés, more or less numerous, must be maintained, adding greatly to what, in other lines, would be the expenses; it would be the annual expenditure. If the business can be increased, the transportation expenses may be reduced to 55 per cent. or thereabout, to which end some important suggestions are hereinafter made.

Estimated receipts from Oct. 1, 1854, to Sept. 30, 1855 | $1,800,000
From Oct. 1, 1855, to Jan. 1, 1856, 3 months | 300,000
Total | $1,800,000
Deduct transportation expenses, 65 per cent | 975,000
Total | $525,000
All the first mortgage bonds of $3,000,000 not being issued, for the half year's interest due 1st of May next, is estimated | $100,000
Eight months' interest on $3,000,000, all being out, to 1st of January, 1856 | 140,000
Half year's interest on $1,000,000, second mortgage bonds, to be issued | 25,000
Interest on Albany Extension Bonds, not redeemed, estimated at | 12,000
To retire fraudulent issue by Alex. Kyle of Preferred Stock | 50,000
| | $327,000
| | $178,000
Eight per cent. dividend on Preferred Stock $1,300,000, 1st July and 1st January | 130,000
Surplus | $48,000

It will be remarked that no allowance is made for interest on the floating debt, or for extraordinary expenditures; it has been omitted because the sale of the residue of the first mortgage bonds, and the whole issue on the second mortgage, $1,000,000, will extinguish the floating debt, and meet these contingencies, while it is not expected that the latter object will be effected in time to bring into the year's interest more than will arise from the sale of one-half of them.

The above estimate shows that the earning of 12 per cent. on the Preferred Stock (which at the end of the year should have been paid) is barely possible, and that a small error in estimating receipts or disbursements would defeat it, and make a dividend for but a year, or 8 per cent., the proper course.*

For the following year the increased receipts will warrant the reduction of transportation expenses to 60 per cent., as these receipts are based upon the existing power of the road, and contemplate no enlargement of the rolling stock or furniture.

Estimated receipts for year ending 31st December, 1856 | $1,800,000
Deduct transportation expenses 60 per cent | 990,000
Total | $660,000
Interest on $4,000,000, first and second mortgage bonds | $280,000
Interest on Albany extension certificates, possibly still out | 16,000
Eight per cent. dividend on Preferred Stock, $1,300,000 | 130,000
Four per cent. interest on old stock then estimated at $4,000,000 | 160,000
| 586,000
Surplus | $64,000

Observe, the above dividend is made on old stock, $4,216,050, when in fact there is actually issued but $4,016,050, leaving a margin of $200,000 yet to be sold to meet the finishing of the road—should other means

* In this, as in all other cases, the moral view has been taken, and the writer believes that if errors have been committed in the estimates, it will be found in the end that they are on the right side, and that the results will be in favor of rather than against the road.

full—the positive loss on unpaid bills before referred to, and all other contingencies.

To name the value of unissued old stock available, and extricate the Harlem Railroad Company from all the pecuniary difficulties under which for a series of years it has suffered, and which yet press upon and paralyze the best efforts of its officers—the following suggestion is made to the holders of the old stock, as the readiest, and perhaps, the only mode of securing their investments from the great loss consequent upon delayed, small, and uncertain dividends.

However desirable such a stock may be for pecuniary purposes of speculation, merely, ranging as it has done between seven per cent. and par, it will not be denied that it furnishes no reliable basis on which a testator can place the future education and support of those for whom duty and affection would provide. It has not now, and never had, any stability in the market on which prudence could repose. If any reasonable sacrifice can give it that character, the permanent interests of all concerned would seem to demand it.

To this end let a law be passed at the approaching session of the Legislature, reducing the nominal value of such old stock thirty per cent.; in other words, let every share thereafter represent thirty, instead of fifty dollars; this would reduce the capital of such old stock from $4,500,000 to $3,700,000, and make it a reliable 7 per cent. stock, and, as a corollary, *worth par in the market.*

It is thought that if this proposition were carried into effect, the aggregate loss upon investments in the hands of present holders, would not be very large, as much of it has been purchased by them at 60 per cent. or less, while not a few would reap an immediate profit. This City furnished numerous precedents of similar action, all of which have resulted beneficially to the several corporations adopting it.

But there is another view of the subject quite as important to the interest of the stockholders, namely, the early consolidation of its business to a single point in this City. The second issue of bonds to the amount of $1,000,000 must be negotiated to fund the floating debt; there are secured among other things, by a mortgage on all the real estate owned by the Company in this City, thus placing an almost insuperable impediment in the way of sales of any portion of it, because each lot is encumbered, not for its relative part of the debt, but for the whole of it.

The Common Council of the City has just passed a joint resolution requiring this company to discontinue the use of steam below Forty-second-street, within eighteen months, based upon the petition of individuals, speculators in real estate on Murray Hill, purchased and improved by them *subsequent* to the erection of the company's engine-houses and shops at Thirty-second-street, alleging that the smoke from those, and the locomotives employed, is offensive, and likely to impair their (anticipated!) profits. The compact made with the predecessors of the present Common Council, whereby it was verbally agreed and understood that the erection and business of this company at Thirty-second-street should remain undisturbed if it would arch the deep cutting between Thirty-fourth and Forty-first-streets, and throw twenty feet off the front of its lots to widen the Fourth-avenue (and which has been in good faith done, at a cost of more than a hundred thousand dollars!) is by such resolution repudiated and avoided. We need not remark upon this breach of faith, nor assign the *causes* which we suppose to have produced it. There are also indications that our depôt at Twenty-sixth-street cannot be considered as held by any safe tenure for a long period.

From these facts it is assumed that a removal must be made, and the large expenditure consequent upon the erection of new depôts and extensive depôt buildings at Forty-second-street, provided for—it follows, that the Company's grounds so to be vacated, should by sale furnish the money for that purpose. If, therefore, the par value of the old stock be reduced in the sum suggested, and its effect be to make the shares worth $30 each in the market, it would give the company the power to issue a million of its reserved stock to retire the second mortgage bonds, and thereby disencumber its City real estate, enable it to make sales and retrench the expenditure growing out of its numerous terminal.

To enable the stockholders to adopt this measure and save a year of time, the Board will endeavor to procure the enactment of the necessary law at the approaching session of the Legislature, and in connection, defined some modification to be submitted to a vote of the holders of the old stock, at their annual meeting in May next, and making it a condition precedent that it shall receive an affirmative vote from a majority of such stockholders, before it goes into effect.

Appended are two reports from the engineer, the one marked A showing the work lately put under contract, and now nearly finished; the other marked B giving a detailed statement of that remaining to be done to place the road in a condition to meet the wants of its increasing traffic and travel, and justify the closing of "Construction Account."

Every effort has been made to condense this Report to the smallest compass consistent with the object in view, namely, to give the stockholders a perfectly open and truthful view of the situation of their property;—it is hoped that all will read it, in the belief that none can rise from its perusal without a thorough conviction of the perfect security of its bonds, and the ready process through which its stock may be made a dividend-paying and favorite investment.

In conclusion, the Board expresses a hope that the stockholders will personally attend the next election of Directors, as well to secure the choice of efficient men as to determine wisely the question of a reduction of capital, thereby avoiding the danger of granting proxies, solicited as they generally are, from personal motives, and to promote particular rather than general interests. These duties belong exclusively to the stockholders, and if faithfully discharged, will speedily dissipate all doubt of the ultimate success of "The New-York and Harlem Railroad Company."

By order of the Board,

NICHOLAS DEAN, President.
HENRY S. BLATCHFORD, Vice President.
JOHN D. ELIOT, Superintendent.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 25, 1854.

Message of the President of the United States,

Communicating a Report of the Secretary of the Interior and Postmaster General, respecting sites for Court-houses and Post-offices in Philadelphia, New-York, and Boston.

JAN. 25, 1855.—Read, referred to the Committee on the Post-offices and Post-roads, and ordered to be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith a report of the Secretary of the Interior and the Postmaster General, together with accompanying documents, commentating what has been done in execution of the act of Congress, of August 3, 1854, entitled "An act to provide for the accommodation of the Courts of the United States in the district of Massachusetts, and in the cities of New-York and Philadelphia.

I have deemed it best, under the circumstances, not to enter into any contracts for the purchase of sites, but to submit all proposals made in response to public advertisement for several weeks in the principal newspapers in each of the cities designated, to Congress, for such action as it may deem proper to take in fulfillment of the original design of the before-mentioned act.

FRANKLIN PIERCE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24, 1855.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19, 1854.

SIR: On the 3d of August last, Congress passed an act to provide accommodation for the United States Courts at Boston, New-York, and Philadelphia, the second section of which is as follows:

"SEC. *And be it further enacted*, That the President be authorized to cause to be procured, by purchase or otherwise, suitable sites for buildings to be used as court-houses and post-offices in the cities of Boston, New-York, and Philadelphia; and that he prepare and submit to Congress, at as early a day as practicable, plans and estimates for the same, together with any contract or contracts he may make for any such site or sites, which contract or contracts shall be conditional and made subject to the approval of Congress."

With a view to the execution of this act, you deemed it proper to invite proposals of sites, which was accordingly done, by public advertisement, for some weeks, in the principal newspapers in each of those cities; and we now have the honor to lay before you the accompanying schedules of the offers received, showing by whom made, where situated, the superficial extent and price of each.

We also submit a map or plan of each city, on which the sites are indicated by numbers corresponding with the numbers of the proposals.

After the receipt of these proposals, you thought it advisable that we should visit those cities, and, in conjunction with the Postmasters and Marshals and other officers of the Courts, personally inspect the premises in order to a more satisfactory ascertainment of their suitableness for the purposes intended, and the real value of the property offered.

We therefore proceeded to Philadelphia, New-York and Boston, and viewed each of the proposed locations, with reference to the convenience of the public as well as the interest of the Government.

These jointly demand that the Post-offices as well as the United States Courts should be located near to, though not necessarily in, the midst of the business portions of the cities, near the centre of population, and at points easy of access; and with an eye to any future changes which may be made in these respects. These requisites would necessarily restrict the selections of sites to those portions of the cities most highly improved; and it was anticipated, therefore, that the cost of the same, in the three principal cities of the Union, would be very considerable; but it was found to be so great that we are induced to recommend that no contracts be entered into for the purchase of sites, but that the results which have been obtained be submitted to Congress for such appropriations as it may, in its wisdom, see proper to make in fulfillment of its original designs.

It is suggested that the interests of the United States may be best consulted by the appropriation of such specific sum for the purchase of a suitable lot, and the erection of appropriate buildings thereon, in each of the cities in question, as Congress may deem reasonable and proper, with a proviso that the cost of the lot and building shall in no case exceed the amount of the appropriation for that purpose.

It is also recommended that the buildings be erected under the supervision of a competent architect or superintendent, and that they be of brick and fire-proof, plainly and substantially finished, great regard being had in all respects to their durability and utility.

The construction of public buildings at other and minor points for these and like purposes, has been repeatedly authorized by Congress, and the necessity for them in these great cities is still more apparent.

The present accommodations for the United States Courts are unsuitable and insufficient; and, although the rents are very large and constantly increasing, it is not possible to procure, on lease, such buildings as the public interests require.

The great inconvenience attending the Post-Office in Philadelphia have long been a cause of serious complaint; the rooms now occupied being entirely too small and entirely disuited for the large and increasing business done at that office.

In New-York, the building used for a Post-Office is, in many respects wholly unfitted for the purpose; and in Boston, where there is also a very large distribution, the rooms now occupied as the Post-Office are quite too small, besides being so badly lighted as to require the use of gas in the day time.

We have the honor to be, Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servants,

ROBERT McCLELLAND,
Secretary of the Interior.
JAMES CAMPBELL,
Postmaster General.

To the PRES

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Congressional.

The French Spoliation bill was read a second time in the Senate yesterday, after a slight opposition from Mr. DAWSON. The joint resolutions of the Legislature of New-York, instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to use their influence in procuring the passage of the law granting pensions to the surviving soldiers of the Indian War of 1791 and the following years, and to the widows of the deceased soldiers of those wars, were presented by Senator SEWARD and referred to the Committee on Pensions. The Army Appropriation bill was considered again, and the subject was not concluded when the Senate adjourned.

In the House a joint resolution was offered and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, disapproving and declaring null and void the acts of the Minnesota Legislature incorporating the Minnesota and Western Louisiana, and Minnesota, St. Paul's, Mississippi and Lake Superior, Puget's Sound and the South Pacific Railroad Companies—all approved of in March, 1853. The Subterranean Telegraph bill was debated in Committee of the Whole, and after striking out the enacting clause it was laid aside for further action.

Missionary Work.

Albany seems to be missionary ground just now. The Know-Nothing Councils (of the thumb-screw order,) throughout the State have appointed agents—one from each Assembly district—with orders to go to Albany and watch the members of the Legislature, and see to it that they vote against the re-election of Senator SEWARD. The arrivals, we hear, have already commenced. Various members are already attended by their guardians, who take good care to note their goings out and their comings in, who read them daily lectures on their legislative duties, and convey with due emphasis the warnings and sentence of the "Councils" at home if they venture to act upon their own convictions of duty, instead of the secret decrees ordained for their guidance and direction. Of course the only Know-Nothings engaged in this movement are those who have joined the Order for political objects,—the *Silver Grays*, who found their vocation utterly ruined by the Nebraska bill and the public indignation which that gigantic stride of the Slave power awakened, and who continue the same business under a new name. The great body of those sincerely and honestly enlisted in the "American" movement, will be quite as much astonished to find themselves the unconscious tools of the Pro-Slavery crusade, as if they had been innocently forced into doing the work of the Pope himself. *Their* position on this subject is indicated by the following resolution already published in the TIMES, among those adopted at the State Council of Know-Nothings held at Schenectady on the 10th of January last:

Resolved, That Slavery, like Papacy, is a moral, social and political evil—at variance with the spirit of our republican institutions, and repugnant to the principles of freemen; that it is our duty to resist its extension, and that we cannot as Americans consent to the admission to the Union of any new State whose Constitution recognizes human bondage.

It is not easy to believe that men who adhere to the principles thus set forth, will consciously lend themselves to the repudiation by the State of New-York of the man who has stood up so nobly and so boldly in their defence.

If one could get rid of the sense of humiliation inseparable from this attempt to dragoon, by personal discipline, individual members of the Legislature into a particular course of conduct, there would be something exceedingly comical in the spectacle. It must be a great convenience for members thus to have their work done for them:—could they not prevail on their volunteer attendants to pay their *board bills* also?

But *books*, as well as live missionaries, are sent to Albany for the legislative enlightment. We understand that within the past two or three days a thick *novel* has been gratuitously *distributed among the members, designed to* illustrate the awful ravages of Jesuitism in the United States. The story is that the chief of the Jesuits, being expelled from Italy by the revolution of 1848, came to America to bring that great country under Jesuit sway: and the three men through whose agency this great feat was to be accomplished, were Woolsey, (SEWARD) Fouché (WEED,) and Love-lock, (GREELEY,) who are said to have signed and sealed the contract—made the whole country over bodily to the Jesuits, and to have secured the election of General TAYLOR as their reward. This is the spirit of this portentous book, so far as its political revelations are concerned. If it is designed to pass for a statement of *facts*, all it lacks is proof and plausibility. If it is intended for mere fiction, it is excessively laboring and awkward. There is a love story connected with it,—or rather the love story seems to be the main part of the book, and the political disclosures are an interjected afterthought. If members can survive the stupidity of the book, they need not fear its arguments.

Our Know-Nothing friends, in all these measures, seem to forget that the members of our State Legislature are grown men—supposed to be capable of thinking for themselves and of forming their own opinions upon matters involving deep public duties. Both tricks as those by which they are endeavoring to control their action, might have an effect upon children—but they are insulting to the common sense of men placed in responsible and laborious public stations. They will need something more cogent than a flashy novel to induce them to throw overboard all their political principles and associations, and to act under the dictation of men appointed in secret councils to watch and control their conduct.

The Governors in Town.

Flags flying from the City Hall yesterday indicated the presence of important dignitaries. Governors CLARK and PRICE, accompanied by the Secretaries of State, and other officers of the Governments of New-York and New-Jersey, visited the Brooklyn side of the East River, the Jersey City side of the North River, and other points in the vicinity of the City, with a view of ascertaining the extent of the encroachments upon the Harbor. There was a goodly company. The party enjoyed themselves,—although the day was cold, and although opinions were divided in reference to the degree of credence which it is proper to attach to the representations of parties interested in the subject. The Brooklyn people, while they claim an equal right with the merchants of New-York in extending piers and wharves into the channel, at the same time deny that they have encroached upon the water limits to any injurious extent. The Jersey City folk, when interrogated, with due solemnity shake their heads and hold up their hands in horror at the thought that they could act so badly. The citizens on this Island, on the other hand, hold that piers have been extended only in cases where enlarged accommodations were demanded by the exigencies of Commerce; but that the extensions into the channels of the North and East Rivers do not stand in the way of vessels which come up to the port. They are rather an accommodation. It is for the purpose of reconciling the conflicting statements of the gentlemen who will quarrel over this subject, that the dignitaries of State and Legislative Committees have visited the City. There were no particular results from the observations undertaken by the party yesterday. Another day—perhaps two days—will be required to see all that is to be seen, or to hear much that will need to be heard. The Chamber of Commerce of this City, represented by a prominent member or two, undertakes the work of pointing out to the two Governors the peculiar features of the shores on both sides of the two rivers. New-York Island will be examined to-day.

Should the Governors accept the invitation extended to them by the Commissioners of Emigration to visit the "Institutions," their stay will probably be extended during the greater portion of the week. Governor DUTTON, of Connecticut, is also expected in the City. When his arrival is announced, the presence of three Governors at once will be an event so extraordinary as to engender serious surmises in regard to the very numerous troops of friends who will throng about and bore them.

The Ten Governors and Bellevue Hospital.

The Almshouse Governors, it seems, are determined to reform Bellevue Hospital. They do not indeed make any one else than the Warden head of the Hospital; but they recommend that hereafter, beef-steaks and mutton-chops be used instead of chickens, for the diet of patients. This is highly important and should not be forgotten in the multitude of reforms which mark this Winter as an era in the City's sanitary history. Whether the change is proposed from motives of economy or from conviction that mutton-chop tea is better than chicken tea for convalescents, we are not informed by the luminous report of the Committee, which we published in Wednesday's TIMES among the proceedings of the Board.

The Committee say that they "see nothing unusual" or inhuman in the transfer of JOHN HARLOW, whose death was made the subject of "Crowner's 'quest." "Nothing unusual" we very much fear it was; for such "transfers," it would seem from the rule adopted by the Governors, are not only tolerated but made matters of regulation whenever patients are pronounced "incurable." The Committee further see, reads the report, "no inhumanity perpetrated in this particular case to call forth a censure of a Coroner's Jury, *or a tissue of misrepresentations by the public press.* The steamer *King Philip* is as comfortable a boat for its size and for the use of this Department as can be furnished in this port. It has an upper deck covering the entire length, except the usual opening over the bows of the vessel. The Committee give it as their opinion that HARLOW *did not die from the effects of exposure while in transit from the Hospital to Blackwell's*, and in support of this assertion they annex statements made to them by physicians employed in the Hospital."

This is right pleasing to us. But if it had been further asserted touching the accommodations on board the gallant steamer—whether or not the sick man can sit down if he is faint during his "transfer" to the Island; or if so, upon a chair or the floor only, as a witness *testified before the Coroner,—if it had* reconciled the facts of the autopsy, the statement of the house surgeons of Bellevue that the *patient was about well—we do not use their* words—when he left the Hospital, and the testimony of others not yet impeached, that he was dead in less than two hours afterward,—we say, if these points had been brought out we should have been still better pleased with it.

The compliment to the Press we appreciate;—"a tissue of misrepresentations" it styles our report and comments on the Coroner's inquest. Yet it made a very bad show of the state of things in Bellevue, and a troop of facts of the same disreputable sort stand ready to confront the Governors and shock the public whenever it shall be shown that the whole truth ought to come out.

The Texas Debt Bill.

This bill, passed by the Senate, has been reported by the Committee of Ways and Means, with two amendments, one of which requires Texas to relinquish her claim of $9,000,000 upon the United States, for expenses incurred by Texas in defending her border from United States Indians, when a Republic; the other requires the Creditors of Texas to release all claims upon her; and the bill made the order of the day for Tuesday next, 6th February!

It is generally conceded, that some further legislation upon this subject is necessary, or the $5,000,000 United States Bonds retained in the United States Treasury, under the Compromise of 1850, will remain there instead of going to the Creditors, for whose benefit this sum was withheld from TEXAS, as well as for the protection of the United States against the claims of these creditors. The subject has long been under the consideration of Congress, and as a compromise, the $9,500,000 bill is recommended as a final settlement of the claims of the Revenue Creditors since 1850, which, as we have heretofore shown, amount, with interest. This is a concession by the United States (if the bill be passed), of about $3,000,000, that sum being the difference between the $8,500,000 and the present value of the $5,000,000 bonds, including the interest due, and the premium the bond would command in the market.

We do not consider this concession unadvisable under all the circumstances, including the direct or strongly implied faith of the General Government to see full justice done to the holders of Texas obligations resting on the surrendered revenues of the late Republic. The implication by the United States—at Annexation—in setting aside the public lands of Texas, and pledging them for the payment of the Republic's debt, and afterwards, in 1850, purchasing a portion of the same, by the passage of the Boundary Act, which retained $500,000 in the United States Treasury, and demanded releases of the United States from the creditors in question, together with the circular issued by the Secretary of the Treasury and approved by the President, is such that a concession in effecting a compromise of the whole question we deem both justifiable and expedient. Delay can but increase the difficulties and swell a claim upon the Government, which, sooner or later, must be recognized and provided for in full. As our Washington Correspondent yesterday suggested, the practice of *log-rolling* large claims through Congress is somewhat exceptionable, but we are not sure that the country would not rejoice to see this Texas Debt question and the old French Spoliation claim finally settled on any reasonable terms. Both are backed by justice, and the only possible point of difference that ought to delay action, relates to the amount.

Our New Broom Sweeps Cleaner than Ever.

We would like to abstain for a single issue from any puff, direct or indirect, of Mayor WOOD. But we cannot do it and keep our readers posted with the times. Every new day chronicles some new reform—sees the end of some hoary old abuse. The City was *startled out of their staid propriety by the report* on Tuesday that he had driven the bone-boilers out of town—a thing attempted often before now—and taken measures to prevent their reestablishment during his administration.

Mayor WOOD lives on the East side of the town, in Second-avenue. We fancy that property will go up in that neighborhood. Lots along the route that he takes to reach his office will command a premium. Owners will solicit the favor of a walk by their premises, that the air may be purified and the streets grow clean once more.

Our Hercules cannot always be braining monsters and cleaning stables—we are aware of that. He must sleep like other men at times, and at times take breath. *But we* would humbly petition that some morning when His Honor is not in haste, he turn down *the first corner below his residence to First*-avenue, and walk its pavement—pause a minute at the corner of Fifth-street, opposite the Police Station—move slowly between Fourth and Fifth, only to see how flourishing is the butchering business, and note what sweet odors go up from the Hide Reception Room,—and below Third, if the morning is foggy, to get a whiff of the fragrance that gushes from the chandleries,—up Second, past where the slaughterers of swine take their own time for trying out the fat, and announce by silent but all-pervading advertisements the moment they begin the job and every moment that it lasts,—down Forsyth, where the sidewalks are slippery, but not with ice,—and indeed almost anywhere in that vicinity, that residents of that part of the Seventeenth Ward may find the air again measurably wholesome, the streets decently clean and the gutters empty of blood. While so much is to be gained from a single walk, we trust His Honor will never ride.

A Literary Curiosity.

Several literary productions mark the year 1854 as one never to be forgotten when a *future edition of the Curiosities of Literature* is issued. *Barnum's Autobiography* and *Wikoff's Courtship*—if nothing else had ever *occurred to answer the question which we* remember to have read, as put by some inquisitive Englishman, "Who reads an American book?"—would answer the querist satisfactorily;—everybody reads these American books and laughs at or pities their authors. But rumors are current that 1855 is to be honored with more books of the same sort; and the literary circles are all agape to know their truth. *On dit*, that another autobiography is coming,—that "JULIA PASTRANA, the Bear Woman," has arranged with an enterprising publisher for the true story of her life as she understands it. She has a large stock of anecdotes of her father, who was a rough, hirsute old fellow, who, when in Wall-street was always "speculating for a fall," and once by way of a practical joke hugged a man to death. One would suspect the fair autobiographer of "drawing the long bow" in the chapter that treats of her courtship, but it seems she was once esteemed rather good looking. The patentees of the "hair regenerators" are on the *qui vive*,—for it is said that one chapter is devoted to the ways and means of *securing a peach-like down upon the skin*, and that the secret of the success of the Bearded Lady is laid bare. Early copies of the work have been ordered for publishers abroad, and the Pig-tail, who sells soap and cigars on the corner of Beekman and Park-row, is said to devote all his evenings to a translation of it into the Chinese. It is to be dramatized by a popular play-wright and will be brought out at the National and Metropolitan Theatres. We are not able to affirm the truth of these rumors—we give them for what they are worth.

Amusements.

BURTON'S THEATRE.—COLMAN'S amusing Burletta, the "Blue Devils," was played here last night. The story is of a grumbling Englishman, who, dissatisfied with himself and the world, determines to arrange matters by committing suicide. This intention is frustrated in a happy manner. He finds there is something worth living for beside self—that the making of others happy is in itself a happiness.

There is but one important character—*Margin*, the grumbler. In the hands of Mr. BURTON grumbling is highly satisfactory, and for curing the blue devils, the dramatic "Blue Devils" may be prescribed as a certain homœopathic remedy.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The Opera season will positively commence on Monday, the 19th February, with VERDI'S "Rigoletta." Among the artistes engaged for the opening we may mention the names of Signor BORGIONI, the tenor; and ESTHER BARILI, the baritone. It will be the first appearance of these artistes in America; they have both, we are informed, sung in this Opera in Italy. After a short engagement at the Academy they will proceed to Mexico and Lima, where they have been engaged.

The orchestra, under MARETZEK, will consist of fifty performers; and the chorus and *corps de ballet* stronger than on any previous occasion.

HARBOR ENCROACHMENTS.

Visit of the Governors of New-York and New-Jersey.

Tour of Inspection to the Navy-Yard, Brooklyn, and Jersey City—Speeches of Governors Clark, Dutton, Price and Others.

The Committee of Reception assembled pursuant to notification in Parlor No. 41, at the Astor House, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, for the purpose of meeting with due formality Governors CLARK and PRICE, and the other distinguished gentlemen who composed the Committee on Harbor Encroachments. A large number of citizens availed themselves of this favorable opportunity of calling upon and paying their respects to the new Governor, who received them with the greatest degree of courtesy and urbanity.

At 11 o'clock, E. MERIAM, who conducted the arrangements on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, announced that the time had arrived which was fixed upon to proceed on their tour of inspection of the harbor. Accordingly a goodly array of carriages and yellow painted coaches was marshaled and duly occupied, when the cortege proceeded to Fulton Ferry and thence to Brooklyn; arrived there, *the procession repaired to the Navy-*Yard, where it was received by Commodore BOUNDRAM and Captain HUDSON. At the entrance was drawn up a double file of marines, attached to the receiving ship *North Carolina*, at present stationed in the Navy-Yard basin. The pleasing and soul-stirring notes of "Hail Columbia," played by the Union Band, greeted the ear. The Committee at once went to the southwestern point of the Navy-Yard, whence was had a view of the RUGGLES water lots property, and the encroachments which would be made by filling it in, or constructing the contemplated pier, which would completely preclude the possibility of launching a vessel from the Navy-Yard. While thus occupied the *North Carolina* sent forth her thunders of reception, in the shape of two salutes of 17 guns each. The Dry Dock and Engine House were next visited. The vehicles were again called into requisition, and the extensive piers of the Gas Company, D. C. WETMORE, and the Atlantic Dock were severally inspected. The Committee *returned to New-York and passed over to Jersey* City, to view the long extension pier of the Jersey Ferry and Transportation Company. Before leaving Hamilton Ferry the party was joined by Governor DUTTON of Connecticut.

At 5 o'clock P. M., the company sat down to an excellent dinner provided at the Astor-House, immediately after which they proceeded to the discussion of business.

Hon. E. BROOKS, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, said: That he was requested by the gentlemen representing the Chamber of Commerce to call the meeting to order. It would have afforded him much more pleasure if some member of that body, representing the great commercial interest of this City, should undertake that duty—but he regretted that sickness prevented some, and pressure of business others from performing that task.

To speak of the commercial interests or benefits of the port of *New-York*, before the Executives of three States, and in the presence in which he stood, would be superfluous. He would only say, that it became the duty of every one to exercise the power he possessed promptly, energetically and effectually. It was the desire of the State of New-York to preserve the commerce of the North River, and of the East River, and of the outlet to the Ocean; and he was confident that it was equally the desire of the sister States to preserve the same interests intact.

In order, he said, that they might have an opportunity of hearing His Excellency's views on the matter, he proposed that Gov. CLARK should preside over the meeting.

Gov. CLARK thanked the meeting for the very high honor conferred on him, in calling upon him to preside over so dignified and influential a body, and suggested the propriety of forthwith proceeding to business. Messrs. JAMIESON and SEYMOUR of New-York, and Senator HOXIE of New-Jersey, were appointed Secretaries.

Gov. PRICE said: That the people of New-Jersey value the benefits of this harbor with as keen appreciation as the people of New-York. They feel that they have great and valuable rights to the waters of this bay, and feel an intense interest that the water of Sandy Hook shall not be decreased. New-York has the advantage of New-Jersey. She has built up a commerce to which New-Jersey has much contributed. New-Jersey would, in time to come, take a leading part in the commerce, and in so doing, she would avoid the error into which New-York has fallen, that of interfering with the water privileges, and the great outlet to the ocean, and he felt he but spoke the sentiments of the people of New-Jersey when he said that they would view with pleasure any bill which would prevent any further encroachments. You have taken the initiative, and he felt sure that New-Jersey would follow in doing whatever would tend to preserve the harbor of New-York free from all further inroads on its limits.

Gov. DUTTON then rose and said: It would seem that Connecticut had but a small share of influence in bringing this body together, but she is a State of the Great Republic affects her. New-York is the great commercial metropolis of the Union, and to her there must be a free and clear ingress and egress. Railroads bring the products of the country from all quarters to it as a centre, and it is therefore absolutely necessary that there should be proportionate commercial accommodation. He could not boast much for the commercial influence of his State; yet, in proportion to its extent, she contributes her share of the commercial and agricultural interests to the General Union. The time will come when the amount of the population of this *City, (now in its infancy,) if it shall grow as it has* grown, will be estimated by millions, not by thousands, when its commerce shall be tenfold what it is, and therefore the necessity there is for preventing any further encroachments on our harbor. The question is one of immense importance, and calls for the combined wisdom here collected, to devise some means to keep this port what it now is—a broad way to the ocean. He hoped that the proceedings of this meeting would entitle it to the gratitude of future generations.

Mr. LEAVENWORTH said that he could hardly add anything to what was already said; but as to the remedies to be applied, that was another matter. He thought that two or three things might be done. The most important was to define the limits of the harbor and fix its boundaries in all future time. In addition, that the Legislature should pass a bill and place it in the hands of the District Attorney-General, empowering him to cause Mr. RUGGLES, and also the Gas Company, to vacate their grants; and also, if Mr. WETMORE rightly interpreted the law which gave him the privilege of extending his dock 110 feet farther, ought to have that law repealed. These bills, he thought, should be passed without delay by the Legislature, and would obviate all difficulties.

Senator HOXIE, of New-Jersey, said that New-Jersey responded with pleasure to the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce of New-York; and while she has done nothing to infringe on the limits of the Harbor, yet she felt a deep interest in its welfare. While, according to the report submitted to the New-York Legislature, the Hudson has been infringed on 1,000 feet on the New-York side, there has been no encroachment on the Jersey side, and he would guarantee that there would be no infringement. He asked that by the course of legislation pursued in this matter, by any recommendation of the Land Commissioners, or any other irresponsible body, the navigation of the Passaic or Hackensack Rivers should not be injured, through which 15,000 vessels annually pass, and which would be materially injured by such warts as that of RUGGLES'—causing the channels of the rivers to be blocked up, and also by the encroachments on Staten Island. In behalf of the Legislature of New-Jersey, he would say that they would cheerfully follow any steps taken in the security of the power and capacity of the harbor of New-York.

Senator DICKINSON, of New-York, said he came not as a speaker, but as a looker-on, but when called upon to speak upon a question which has called the Executive authorities of three States together, he could not remain silent. It was not, that three States only were interested; but 19-20ths of the revenue of this State were collected at this port. When you take into account the three great thoroughfares through which the products of the West pass, and make New-York become the great distributing office of the nation, Connecticut has as deep and abiding an interest in this question as has New-York. Did not Connecticut furnish nearly all the beef that was sold at the Bull's Head, when it stood where the Bowery theatre now stands, and still furnishes the supply, herself being supplied from the West. New-Jersey also has a deep interest in this question. In a few years Jersey City and Hoboken will be both one, and be the terminus of one of those great thoroughfares. The time has arrived when this question must be settled, and it cannot be too soon. When the Erie Canal shall be finished, you will have the boats plying in that highway, lining and blockading the entire rivers from shore to shore. It was incumbent, therefore, to take prompt and effective measures.

Mr. RHODES of Brooklyn, regretted that the representatives of New-York, New-Jersey and Connecticut, were carried through the length of Brooklyn and New-Jersey—but they were not taken one yard on the New-York side of the water to show the amount of encroachments there made. Not one word of New-York, but oh! the villainy of Brooklyn!

Mr. BROOKS said: That he felt happy that his friend had unburthened himself so bluntly and so candidly. He was not there to defend the *encroachments made by the City of New-York for* years and years. She has infringed 1,000 feet on the water limits in the East River, and the same distance on the North River. She has first built *piers and then bulkheads, and then piers and then* bulkheads again, and unless the Legislature of the two States should determine State lines, beyond which no encroachments can be made, the cupidity of men will be such and so great that they will not rest till they span both rivers by their avarice. Too much cannot be said of the commerce of those two rivers. There is commerce alone borne on the waters of the Hudson of $150,000,000 annually. The people of Brooklyn have as much interest in the matter as those of New-York, and the unity of feeling which ought to exist should be as harmonious as the waters which flow between them. He felt no jealousy of Brooklyn—which would be like a mother feeling jealous of her own offspring. He asks not to prevent Brooklyn, but to prevent New-York and Brooklyn from making any further inroads on the interests and the limits of commerce.

EDWARD BLUNT, Esq., wished to make some remarks, but

Mr. RHODES objected, on the principle that the conditions on which the Committee came down, was upon the understanding that no arguments should be heard in New-York. He, however, withdrew his objections as far as personally concerned.

Mr. BLUNT then said that he was a resident of Brooklyn, and that some few facts which were known to him might be heard with interest.

When the city of Brooklyn was laid out, there were Commissioners appointed to place water lines beyond which it would not be lawful to build any piers or bulkheads. Those Commissioners marked out a water line which meant nothing, and hence all was left in confusion. Several of the inhabitants built beyond those water lines authorized, and it was then discovered that they transgressed the law. It was at the same time determined to establish a pier line, and for this purpose a bill was rushed through the Legislature. It is in contemplation to build a street now in Brooklyn, which will materially injure the commercial interests of the city of Brooklyn. Several persons, too, owning water lots are building on and extending them to the great injury of commerce.

Mr. BACCHUS, of Brooklyn, then rose, but was objected to by Mr. RHODES.

Mr. BROOKS hoped if the gentleman objected, that the meeting would consent.

Mr. DICKINSON, in seconding the motion, asked *for what purpose have the Governors of Connecti*cut and New-Jersey, with the respective Delegations from both States, come here to confer with the Governor and Joint Committees of the Legislature of New-York, unless to be enlightened on the subjects for which the meeting was held; and how, he asked, could this information be derived, unless persons who possessed the knowledge of facts relating to the subject were allowed to speak. He was therefore, of opinion that every person would be heard.

Mr. BROOKS did not hear a word about excluding all from the right of speaking except members of the Committee, until Mr. RHODES mentioned it.

Mr. RHODES said that the understanding upon which the Committees of Commerce and Navigation met out was that no argument be held on the subject. He would, therefore, if free argument were to be allowed, request that the meeting would adjourn till this day, to afford him time to bring persons forward who would be better prepared to represent and maintain the interests of Brooklyn than he was. He called upon his colleague, Mr. PALMER, to say if such were the conditions upon which the Committees left Albany.

Hon. Mr. PALMER said that it was understood last week that the Committees from the Legislature of New-Jersey would meet, and, in conjunction with us, view the harbor and take measures accordingly, and that arguments would be urged, as the occasion would demand, by the respective members of the delegation.

Mr. RHODES was not opposed to hear the members of the Committee of New-Jersey or of New-York, but he was opposed to hearing the partisans of either Committee.

Hon. Mr. HOLMES, of N. J., was in favor of hearing Mr. BACCHUS.

Senator WHITNEY said, that if a mere local question was being discussed, he would perhaps agree with the Representative from Brooklyn. But as his Excellency from Connecticut justly observed, where the commercial interests of three great States are at stake, he held that every gentleman who could give information ought not only be permitted, but invited to speak.

The question as to whether Mr. BROOKS should speak, was put and carried.

Mr. BROOKS said that he came there not as a partisan, but he felt himself called upon to say a word when it might be inferred that the citizens of Brooklyn were opposed to the interests of this harbor. They were as much New-Yorkers as those living in Manhattan Island proper. They did their business in New-York, and slept in Brooklyn. He was disposed to think that the people of Brooklyn were not opposed to any fair and legal adjustment of the matter. The only question was, how that was to be effected, and that, he considered, would be by establishing a permanent line,—which the bill before the Legislature had in view.

Mr. BROOKS offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Joint Committee on Commerce and Navigation and the Special Committee on Commerce appointed by the Legislature of New-Jersey, should take into consideration the means of our respective States to protect the navigable waters of the Hudson and East Rivers from further encroachments.

On motion, the meeting adjourned, to meet at 10 o'clock this morning.

Testimonial to Captain Turnbull.

Yesterday a presentation of a gold watch and two massive chains was made to Capt. CHARLES S. TURNBULL, of the Eighth Ward, at the Mercer House, as a testimonial for his valuable services as Commander of the Police in that District. On behalf of the Captain's command and the citizens of the Ward, Ex-City Judge BEBEE performed the duty of presentation in a very affecting speech.

Rumored Robbery of Comptroller Flagg.

Yesterday evening a rumor was circulated about town that Comptroller FLAGG had been robbed of $180,000 by a pickpocket while crossing the Park, on his way home. We were unable to trace it to any reliable source, and the Police authorities had received no information of the affair.

CAPTAIN AND CREW POISONED.—The bark *G. Forbes*, Capt. STRANDBERG, (late SANDBERG,) arrived at this port yesterday from Gonaives, via Key West, putting in to the later port in consequence of the captain, officers and crew having been poisoned by one of the crew.

Steam to Extinguish Fires on Ship-board.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

Congress has from time to time tried to pass laws for the protection of the lives of passengers traveling upon steamships and Lake steamers, and after all that has been done there really seems to be as much left undone as when begun.

For a number of years I have watched with much anxiety, the proceedings in Congress upon this subject, hoping that some member would introduce a bill which would compel owners and engineers to construct blow-cocks, with suitable pipes leading from the top of the boilers to any and every part of the ship or boat, (as the case may be,) to eject steam in the direction of the fire, should one be discovered in any part of the vessel. Blow-cocks should all have turn-keys on deck, which would enable the engineer to fill the entire hull of the vessel, should it be required to extinguish the fire. Steam, as an agent for extinguishing fire in the hulls of vessels, is much better than water, especially where a cargo consists of perishable goods that may be damaged by immersion. Every steam vessel, while under way with steam, may be saved from the devouring element with steam, rendering it altogether unnecessary to scuttle or introduce water from the outside, and in most cases where fire occurs below decks, with little or no damage to the cargo. Had the unfortunate propeller *Phenix* been arranged with proper blow-cocks and turn-keys on deck, I have not the least doubt but that she, together with her unfortunate passengers would have reached the shore without the loss of a single life, or even the vessel, by fire.

So too, with the steam frigate *Missouri* which was shattered to prevent an explosion.

PHILIP'S "Fire Annihilator" what little there is of it, fully tests the power of steam for extinguishing fires. The emission of steam, for it is nothing but steam that emits from his pots or urns, quells the fire. The *horse-power* compound he uses, when ignited, produces steam, almost instantaneously. And I believe that no one except some of the *manufacturers of public opinion*, ever pretended that the gasses escaping from these machines would *have a fatal effect* upon persons *inhaling them* to a moderate extent, or more than steam created by fire and water.

Steam will extinguish fire upon the lower side of a ship's lining where it is impossible to introduce water, as is the case many times, when ships take fire immediately under, or over the boilers.

I am fully aware that some people know as much, or more than I do on this subject. Still I am well persuaded that many lives, and a large amount of property may be saved annually by the introduction of proper apparatus for inflating the hulls of steam vessels with steam when fire is discovered in any part of them below deck without breaking bulk of cargo or any unnecessary inconvenience to passengers beyond going on deck during the suffocation that would take place below deck while inflated with steam. By such process it may be seen that *every steam vessel carries its own weapon for de*fence in case of fire. B.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

LOOK OUT FOR THE NEW-YORK PICATUNE
ON SATURDAY.
A Glorious Hit at
CHEVALIER WIKOFF'S
COURTSHIP AND ITS CONSEQUENCES,
with
THE AMERICAN HEIRESS,
28 RICH AND RACY CARICATURES
LADIES PROPOSE.
GENTLEMEN BEWARE.
COQUETTES AND FORTUNE HUNTERS,
WHERE ARE YOU?
Price, as usual, only three cents.
The newsboys will have the Picayune on SUNDAY MORNING.

MORE ABOUT LOCKS—AN ARTICLE CALCULated to mislead the public, in reference to the sole right to manufacture and sell JONES' ROTATING PERMUTATION PLATE LOCK, (commonly called "The World's Fair Lock,") having recently been published, the undersigned would respectfully request attention to the following notice: THE WORLD'S FAIR LOCK.

NOTICE.—I have this day sold to Messrs. Stearns & Marvin, manufacturers of Yale's & Parson's Salamander Safes, New-York, the patent right of my
ROTATING PERMUTATION PLATE LOCK,
Commonly called Jones' Anti-Gunpowder Lock; or, The World's Fair Lock."

The letters patent were acquired in consequence of this Lock being placed on a safe at the World's Fair, with $1,000 in the safe, to be the reward of any person who could open the door.

The gold remained therein for a period of forty-five days, while the visitors got tired of turning the dials with no a poor prospect of success, the number of changes being Ninety-five thousand.

Bankers, jewelers and merchants, who desire to have Jones' Locks upon their doors, can have them by applying to Stearns & Marvin, No. 146 Water-st., who have the exclusive right to manufacture said Locks in the United States.

HENRY C. JONES.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 29, 1855.

STEARNS & MARVIN,
Successors to Rich & Co.,
No. 144 and 146 Water-st., New-York.
The only makers of "Salamander Safes," combining Wilder's and Rich's Patents.

PIANOS AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.—SUPERriorsquare & upright Pianos for $175, $200 and $225, interior as good as those which cost $500; Pianos of every variety of style, including those of ten different manufacturers; among them T. Gilbert & Co.'s premium Boston Pianos, and the Hermann Wolfram, manufacturer of Pianos; second-hand Pianos at great bargains; price from $40 to $150. Pianos to rent. Melodeons of every variety, from five different manufacturers, including the well known S. D. and H. W. Smith's melodeons, the best make in the United States, (tuned in the equal temperament,) all at extremely low prices. Music at the reduced rates. HORACE WATERS,
No. 333 Broadway.

DR. RUSH'S
BALSAMIC SYRUP OF WHITE MUSTARD.
For Colds, Coughs, Asthma, Hoarseness, Shortness of breathing, pain and soreness of the breast, and a tough, irritating phlegm. In bottles for 25 cents and one dollar. Sold by C. D. DESILLER, Agent, No. 241 Pearl-street; ROYT & PAUL, No. 149 Chatham-st., and C. V. CLEMENTS & CO., No. 81 Barclay-st.

WOLFE'S SCHIEDAM AROMATIC SCHNAPPS.—A superlative tonic & cordial, anti-dyspeptic and invigorating Cordial, recommended by physicians as a Gentle Stimulant in Chronic Rheumatism, Incipient Dropsy, Kidney Complaints, Flatulence, Want of appetite, &c. Sold by all respectable druggists in the United States. ADOLPHUS WOLFE, sole Manufacturer and Importer, No. 25 Beaver-st.

ALBERT H. NICOLAY WILL HOLD HIS REGULAR semi-monthly Auction sale of Stocks and Bonds THIS DAY, at his office, 51 Wall-st., at 12 o'clock. For further particulars see his advertisement in morning editions. Catalogues can be obtained at the office, No. 51 Wall-st.

A BABE ABANDONED BY ITS PARENTS—A NIGH PRESENT.—Between 8 and 9 o'clock Friday night, the inmates of a house owned, we believe, by a Mrs. RANNEY, nearly opposite to the Female Seminary, on Main-street, were startled by a loud knocking at the back door of the house, and on opening it a lady spoke, "Somebody has left a child on your door-step!" and before anything could be decided on she vanished in the darkness. A large basket, something such a one as the bakers use, was found on the door step, and on removing the covering

"A babe looked up and gravely smiled."

the while contentedly sucking a "comfortable" placed in its mouth. The babe, a plump, fair little boy, of some six weeks old, was taken in charge by Mrs. HALE, a lady boarder of the house, who, we are told, intends rearing the little wanderer thus abandoned by its inhuman and unnatural parents, who evidently did not think with TUPPER, that "a babe in the house is a well-spring of pleasure." The little unknown has fallen into good hands and will receive the best of care and attention.

A clairvoyant, we are told, has minutely described the parties in this inhuman affair, though with what instances remains to be seen. The woman who called the attention of the household to the living treasure, was dressed in black and is supposed to have been the mother. At the time she knocked at the door, a watchman, just going on his beat, saw a gentleman and lady on the opposite side of the street, as is supposed, watching the fate of the child. There is of course the usual mystery surrounding the whole matter.—*Elmira Republican.*

☞ We (*British Quarterly Review*) have heard a facetious scheme of Church reform propounded, the purport of which was, that Government should select some really able man and splendid writer as Archbishop of Canterbury, employ him to produce a sermon or essay weekly, adapted by the passing phase of public feeling, and then distribute printed or manuscript copies of his sermon among a clergy composed of the best eloquentists that could be got, each clergyman or eloquentist being bound to read it in his parish. Thus all parts of the nation would have the same ideas simultaneously administered to them, and all would be kept in intellectual unison.

☞ G. G. FOSTER, author of *New-York in Slices*, &c., was married on the 25th, in Moyamensing Prison, to Madame DE MARGUERITTES.

☞ Dorpschitze "abounds" in lunatics and idiots, having as many as one in 640 of the population!

SPECIAL NOTICES.

☞ Public Notice.—BUSHTON, CLARK & CO.'S COD LIVER OIL.—The late firm of BUSHTON, CLARK & CO., being dissolved by the death of Mr. BUSHTON, the only person by the name of Bushton ever connected with the firm, the business will be continued by HEGEMAN, CLARK & CO., surviving partners and sole successors, No. 180, 182 and 184 Broadway; all connection with the store No. 10 Astor House, being discontinued.

The Genuine Cod Liver Oil will be prepared only by us as heretofore. Our Mr. Clark went to Newfoundland to superintend its manufacture, and is the only druggist from the United States who ever went there for that purpose, and he continues his supervision of that branch of our business; we can warrant it pure, and we rely upon it upon the purity, be particular to see that the name HEGEMAN, CLARK & CO., is over the cork of each bottle, as without it it is not genuine.

The business will be conducted the same as heretofore, as Mr. Hegeman, although his name has not been prominent in the firm, has been, in the establishment Wyman and a member of the firm over 12 years, and had the principal supervision of the business, and no attention will be spared to secure the satisfaction and interest of our customers.

All the receipts of W. L. Bushton, Bushton & Aspinwall, Bushton & Co., and Bushton, Clark & Co., are in our possession, and will be prepared under Mr. Hegeman's supervision the same as for 20 years past, and their genuineness and quality guaranteed by HEGEMAN, CLARK & CO.,

Chemists & Druggists, No. 180, 182 & 184 Broadway.

☞ What is Cod Liver Oil?—Who has connection with the store No. 10 Astor House?—Are questions brought to public notice every day. They will be satisfactorily answered by

FREDERICK V. BUSHTON,
Son of the late Wm. L. Bushton,
Originator and Senior Partner of the late firm of
BUSHTON, CLARK & CO.,
At the old establishment, No. 10 Astor House, corner of Broadway-st., and No. 417 Broadway, corner of Canal-st.

☞ Fruit and Ornamental Trees and Plants—including everything necessary in the Garden, Greenhouse, Nursery and Orchard, with all the recent introductions, at very low rates. Descriptive price Catalogues gratis. Orders sent to New-York. Ornamental and other planting done in any part of the country. Address B. M. WATSON Old Colony Nurseries, Plymouth, Mass.

☞ Prof. McClintock's Cold and Cough MIXTURE should be in every family where there are children. A few drops given when there is a sudden attack of hoarseness, will immediately relieve the child. Price 25 cents. For sale by Druggists everywhere.

A. CUSHMAN & CO., No. 102 Fulton-st., New-York.

☞ Eastman's Hepatic Saline—Sal Comis E Mist—A Boston remedy of 30 years' standing—a sure and speedy cure for Bilious Colic, Bile and all external injuries; so recommended by the medical faculty. Sold by all druggists in the United States. A. B. & D. SANDS, C. V. CLICKENER & CO., C. H. RING, New-York; and WM. R. HERRIN, Philadelphia.

☞ Stolen or Unwanted Firearms—For identifying the Owners and confiscating all TAN, Pistols and Firearms from the thieves.

FRIERSON & CO., Boston.
C. H. RING, Broadway, Agent.

☞ Eighteenth Ward Relief Association.—The Executive Committee for the Relief of the Poor of the XVIIth Ward hereby give notice that the Wardrobe is open daily from 10 till 4 in the basement of the Public Grammar School, Twenty-first-st., near Fifth-av. Food, fuel, clothing, &c., is also given daily in the green grocery, where they are dealt out to the Poor of the Ward, on the recommendation of the visitors. The good object of the Committee is to relieve the worthy poor, and not to encourage idleness or imposition, which they can and will soon detect and expose. Donations of fuel and clothing are very much needed. Donations of money will be thankfully received at the office of the Committee, No. 1 Stuyvesant-st., or by the Treasurer, JOHN A. HALL, Esq., No. 15 Cortlandt-st., which will be acknowledged in the public papers.

VALENTINE G. HALL, Chairman.
JAS. O. MORGAN, Secretary.

☞ To Liquor Dealers.—A meeting of the Liquor Dealers' Society will be held at the Washington Hotel on THURSDAY EVENING next at 11 o'clock. All persons engaged in the Trade are invited to attend and become members of the Society. The following Article of the Constitution explains the objects of the Society:

ARTICLE XII.—Any person engaged in the Liquor business of good moral character, may become a member of this Society, on receiving a majority of the votes of the members present at any of the meetings, on paying an initiation fee of Ten Dollars, and signing the Constitution and By-Laws, and obeying the Rules. The Dues shall be four Dollars a year, payable in advance. The Dues shall be four Dollars a year, payable in advance.

All persons engaged in the Business are requested to send their Names, for the use of the Society, whether they intend to become members or not. E. A. BUNCE, President.
D. A. Paine, Secretary.

☞ Dr. Hayne's Compound Syrup of Yellow Dock and Iodine—Having been thoroughly tested for the last twenty years, has now become a general household family medicine, recommended especially for the complaints of females, for which it is a most valuable remedy. Prepared only by Dr. C. MORSE, the inventor, and sold by C. H. RING, 10 Astor-House, Broadway, New-York, the general agent. Quart bottles, price $1.

☞ Blackbird's Sarsaparilla Lozenges, 1854-5.—SECOND COURSE.—Commencing the 15th inst.

Feb. 1.—A. S. Spence, Jr., D. D.—Little Theatre.
Feb. 15.—R. S. Greene, Jr., D. D.—Were and Are Angels.
Feb. 22.—W. Adams, D. D.—The Model Mechanic.
J. A. BUNTING, Chairman.

☞ Free Discussion Society Lecture, This Evening, Feb. 1, at 7½ o'clock, in the Lecture Room of the Tabernacle, Broadway, near Spring-st. Subject—Is Intemperance a Crime? Free to all. Free Discussion Society Lectures, every Sunday Evening, at 7½ o'clock, in the Lecture Room of the Tabernacle, Broadway, near Spring-st. Free to all.

B. W. R. Gordon, Secretary.

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☞ The Annual General Meeting of the Stockholders of the Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Company will be held at the Banking House, in Cincinnati, on the 2d day of March, 1857, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

J. G. DERBY, President.
Cincinnati, Jan. 24, 1857

NAVAL SERVICE.

Report and Bill of the Committee on Naval Affairs.

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Report of the Committee on Naval Affairs, having [illegible] the consideration of the Naval [illegible]

The Committee is impracticable at this advanced stage of the session of Congress, and in view of the large amount of unfinished business remaining to be acted upon, they have thought it better, even at the risk of not reaching the Naval appropriation bill, to present to the Secretary of the Navy to submit the system of reform which your committee have prepared, for the action of Congress, and to convert the opinions of the Navy Department, and of your Naval Committees, have all, both, in the clearest light, the urgent necessity of pressing forward to positions of responsible and responsibility your able and efficient officers. To secure this object, and to accomplish it without any increased expense to the country, or the addition of a single officer to the service, in the shape of the bill which the Committee herewith report. In the first place we divide officers generally into [illegible] but the following exposition will render its meaning apparent. It proposes to place on a retired list, out of the line of promotion, and upon a "leave of absence" pay, those officers, commodores, captains and lieutenants who are incapable, from any cause, of performing their duties ashore and afloat; and to promote efficient officers in their places. Those pay shall only be increased when on duty, and the only in the extent of the difference between the [illegible] pay of a commodore, captain, and lieutenant, and the "other duty" pay of the grades to which they may be promoted. For example, the pay of the three grades in question is as follows:

	On duty.	On leave.	Other duty.	Sea duty.
Commodore	$3,000 00	$2,500 00	$4,500 00	$4,500 00
Captain	2,500 00	2,000 00	4,000 00	4,000 00
Lieutenant	1,500 00	1,000 00	2,500 00	2,500 00
Passed Midshipman	750 00	500 00	750 00	750 00

Now the Captain put on the reserved list, would place another his leave pay, or $2,500; and the Commodore, promoted to a captaincy in his place, would receive, in addition to his leave pay, $1,000, and the difference, $1,000, between the retired Captain's leave pay and other pay—making $3,500 pay. It will be seen, the aggregate pay is not increased, but that it is more equitably distributed, and that those who do the duty will receive somewhat more of it than they do now. In further illustration it will be seen, that the aggregate pay of a Commodore is now $6,000, and of a Commander on leave, $1,000 only; but that when the Commodore leaves our service entirely, shall be placed on the reserved list, upon his leave pay of $2,500, and the difference shall be performed by the Commander from $1,000, the difference of rank in the same.

The following scale is the rates of pay of officers on reserved by creating the reserved list:

	On leave.	Other pay.	Sea duty.
Commodore	$2,500	$4,500	$4,500
Captain	2,000	4,000	4,000
Lieutenant	750	1,500	1,650
Passed Midshipman	500	750	750

As the number of officers in the list of promotion is limited, it is apparent that a large number of [illegible] will be on the reserved list, [illegible] upon duty pay of $900. In determining upon a Board, to consist of five officers of each of the [illegible] highest [illegible] to be selected, your Committee has reserved to her an opportunity all proper politics of injustice to any officers. The action of this board, with all the information and testimony which the Navy Department and the Secretary can afford before it, and under the supervision of the Secretary, is still subject to the approval or disapproval of the President, and, to a certain extent, of the Senate of the United States. But your Committee consider no apprehension that a Naval Board, thus constituted, would advise or assist in forcing or shrink from a firm and faithful discharge of its trust. The Navy is a corps of high-toned men; it is a corps of honor, and it seems to your Committee that opposite to its honor, patriotism, and duty have never been vainly made, and that such a corps may well be entrusted with a voice in what vitally concerns its own efficiency, nay, its very existence.

A Bill to promote the efficiency of the Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, the President of the United States shall cause a Board of Naval Officers to be assembled, to consist of five captains, five commanders, and five lieutenants, who shall report to the Secretary of the Navy may appoint, shall make a careful examination from the records of the officers of the Navy Department, and shall report to the Secretary of the Navy, who shall preserve the name and grades of his officers, in alphabetical order, with grades who, in the judgment of said Board, shall be incapable by reason of infirmity and old age, or any other cause, of performing the duties of their respective grades, and who, in the judgment of said Board, shall be incapable of performing duty afloat and ashore, and who, in the judgment of said Board, shall be fitted by the public service to be placed upon the reserved list; and the Secretary of the Navy, who shall preserve the name and grades of his officers, in alphabetical order, with grades who, in the judgment of said Board, shall be incapable by reason of infirmity and old age, or any other cause, of performing the duties of their respective grades, and who, in the judgment of said Board, shall be fitted by the public service to be placed upon the reserved list; and the Secretary of the Navy may, upon the report of said Board, shall examine, or report upon, the efficiency of officers of equable above, then.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That all officers who shall be found by the said Board incapable of performing duty afloat and ashore, shall be placed upon the reserved list, in the order of their rank, or seniority, and officers who may be promoted to fill the vacancies created by the reserved list, shall, while unemployed, receive only the "leave of absence" or "waiting orders" pay to which they would have been entitled if such promotion had not been made; and when employed at sea, or on duty, they shall receive, in addition to such "leave of absence" or "waiting orders" pay, the difference between the "waiting orders" or "leave of absence" pay and the pay of the grade to which they may be promoted. Provided, That this section shall not be construed to authorize any increase of the aggregate pay of the said grades, on of the naval service now allowed by law.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to restrict, modify or in any way affect the regular promotion of officers in the service list of the Navy who may be so promoted to promotion—consequent upon death, disability, or resignation—nor in any manner to change or impair the right of the Secretary of the Navy to place officers upon furlough.

Trial of Two Women for Whipping a Slave to Death.

From the New-Orleans Picayune, Jan. 31.

FIRST DISTRICT COURT.—James Hemmenway—Judge Y. Aimee Dietz and Ellis Dielz, w/o of Ann Dielz.—Indictment for murder.—The prisoners are charged with causing the death of a slave girl, Lida, the property of Lucretia Hemmenway, on the 16th of November last, by cruelly beating and whipping her, from which she died in a feeble state of health. The previous Bill contained, with a cowhide, on various parts of her body; on the 10th of [illegible] Mrs. Dielz, in the presence of Mrs. Dielz, and [illegible] in the presence of Mrs. Dielz, and [illegible] in the presence of Mrs. Dielz, and [illegible]

AUCTION SALES.

SUPERIOR BONDS AND MORTGAGES—PRESIDENT ALBERTH. NICOLAY will sell THIS DAY, Feb. 1, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, the following Bonds and Mortgages, viz:
$1,000 New-Orleans and Richmond Railroad 1st Mortgage 7 per cent. Convertible Bonds; Interest 1st February and 1st August.
$1,000 Southern Indiana Railroad (Goshen Branch) 1st Mortgage 7 per cent. Bonds; Interest 1st February and 1st August.
$1,000 Green Wareham (Illinois) Railroad 1st Mortgage 10 per cent. Bonds; Interest 1st April and 1st October.
$1,000 Pittsburg Railroad 1st Mortgage Bonds; Interest 1st February and 1st September.
$1,000 State of Illinois 6 per cent. Bonds; Interest 1st January and 1st July.
$1,000 Cleveland and Toledo Rail road 7 per cent. Convertible Income Bonds; Interest payable 1st January and 1st July.
$1,000 Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula Railroad 7 per cent. Mortgage Bonds; Interest payable in Philadelphia, 1st January and 1st July.
$1,000 Hudson River Railroad 2d Mortgage 7 per cent. Bonds; Interest 1st May and 1st November.
$1,000 City of Cleveland 6 per cent. Bonds; Interest payable 1st January and 1st July.
$1,000 Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad 7 per cent. Income Bonds; Interest 1st May and 1st November.
$1,000 each. Also, by order of Messrs. Ed. S. Whitehouse, J. H. Varnum, and A. Brady, Trustees of the late Rochester, Lockport and Niagara Falls Railroad.
$1,000 New-York Central Railroad 6 per cent. Subscription Bonds, payable in 1860. Interest payable 1st May and 1st November.
20 shares Southern Michigan Railroad.
250 shares Ohio Central Railroad.
25 shares Northern Indiana Railroad Construction Stock.
20 shares Northern Indiana Railroad Construction Bonds.
—A Dividend Scrip for One Hundred and Fifty Dollars of the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad Company.
20 shares Innsbrook Express Company.
10 shares Irving Bank.
10 shares Chatham Bank.
10 shares Knickerbocker Bank.
10 shares Atlantic Bank.
10 shares Phenix Bank.
10 shares Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.
1 share St. Mark's Fire Insurance Company.
20 shares North American Fire Insurance Company.
10 shares Hanover Fire Insurance Company.
10 shares North River Fire Insurance Co.
10 shares Potomac Fire Insurance Company.
10 shares Isabella Copper Company.
10 shares Union Gold Mining Company, of North Carolina.
Terms: CASH.—Two per cent; this day, and the balance on delivery, 9 o'clock ex-morrow. The accrued interest on all the bonds will be charged to the purchaser.
Next regular sale on MONDAY.
A. NICOLAY, Late regular sales of Stocks and Bonds, every MONDAY and THURSDAY, at the Merchants' Exchange, and also special sales, when required, every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.
AT PRIVATE SALE.—A great variety of First Class Railroad, Bank and State Stocks for Investment and other purposes, on the private sales Catalogue.
For catalogues, see the private sales Catalogue.

ANTHONY J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.
PEREMPTORY SALE.—The undersigned will sell at auction, at the Court-house, in the town of White Plains, Westchester County, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of March, 1855, at 1 o'clock, P. M., the valuable property, situated near the Hart's Corner Depot of the Harlem Railroad, and heretofore known as the Bronx River Powder Mill, including the water power, mills and machinery, three (two) story stone mill, 40 feet by 60, and 7 feet high, 1 story frame addition, as per further descriptions of the several parcels of which the said tract is composed, see the following, viz: James McCabe and wife to Henry E. Morse, deed dated the 1st day of May, 1846, and recorded in Westchester County Clerk's Office, in Liber 115 of deeds, page 189; Thomas Hart and wife to same, deed dated Oct. 26, 1846, in said Clerk's Office, in Liber 116 of deeds, page 522, &c. Thomas Hart and wife to Bronx P. Hunbold, deed dated the 1st day of May, 1846, in said Clerk's Office; Peter J. Ferrick and wife to the same, deed dated 8th January, 1849; Isaac H. Barker and wife to same, deed dated 28th December, 1849; William Willis and wife to same, deed dated Nov. 14, 1850; John W. Mills to Mary C. Ward, deed dated Nov. 14, 1850, and reserving and excepting the premises recently conveyed to the Harlem Railroad Company and Samuel Nodd, containing together about five and a half acres, or by reference to a map in the possession of the Association, will more fully appear.
As the whole of the grounds of the Harlem Railroad Company adjoin the property, having been conveyed to them expressly for depot purposes, and the neighborhood is in other respects an improving one, the opportunity for investing capital, not speculating, offers, and the sale will positively take place, rain or snow, or be the state of the weather. Terms, which will be liberal to the purchaser, will be made known at the time of the sale.
For more particulars and other information, apply to the Auctioneer, 8 Exchange-st., Rochester, or to Bronx P. Hunbold, on the premises. Seven trains of cars of the Harlem Railroad leave and return to the City daily.
A. J. BLEECKER, No. 7 Broad-st.

W. S. MELLOR, Auctioneer.
BY HOUGHTON & MELLOR.—THIS DAY, Thursday, at 10 o'clock, at the salesroom, No. 112 Nassau-st., a large and elegant assortment of fancy and staple dry goods, comprising some rich silks. Also, renowned brass-fitted mirror, oil paintings, &c. Those in want of good furniture can rely upon its giving satisfaction and be represented. Hotel proprietors, the attention of every merchant and others about refitting will find it to their advantage to attend the sale. The stock consists in part of richly carved rosewood parlor furniture, en suite, covered in the finest satin brocatelle, damask and hair cloth; mahogany carved etageres, with marble tops; rich carved mahogany wardrobes, mirror doors; dressing stands, lined with satin and richly carved; Italian marble; rosewood and mahogany marble tops centre and pier tables; chairs, ottoman, sofas, divans and ottomans; Voltaire, cane and rocking chairs; splendidly carved rosewood and black walnut bedsteads; hair cloth; rosewood, mahogany and common bedsteads; dining tables, dining room chairs in morocco and green; sideboards, library and one story bookcases, library tables, desks, rosewood and oak reception chairs, new style hand clothes; gothic serving chairs; carved rosewood and black walnut hall stands; marble top washstands; rosewood stands and commodes to match, painted and enameled chamber suites, with and without marble tops; rush, willow, cane and painted chairs and cottage chairs; pure horse hair mattresses, &c. Also, a lot of second hand furniture. Every facility for packing for out of town buyers.

HENRY H. LEEDS & CO., Auctioneers.
BEAUTIFUL FANCY GOODS, &c.—HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. will sell by auction on THURSDAY, 1st, and FRIDAY, 2nd February, at 11 o'clock each day, at the salesroom, No. 19 Nassau-st., between Pine and Cedar-sts., a large and elegant assortment of fancy and staple goods, imported from Italy by Signor G. B. Fantoldini, all of the latest style for up in Italy, consisting of large and costly vases, statuettes, &c., suitable for niches, piers, &c.; also, a large collection of alabaster groups, statuettes, figures, &c. Also, a large assortment of the latest and most fashionable styles and styles; also, the balance of Sheffield plated ware, to be sold without reserve. Also, Brown's fancy soap, portmonnaies, gold lockets and other goods, to close consignments.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.
BY H. H. LEEDS & CO.—FRIDAY, Feb. 2, at 1 o'clock, at the salesroom, No. 19 Nassau-st., a beautiful sale of splendid furniture, purchased by the order of Mr. Goldrath, during the fall, collection ever brought forward by him, consisting of large cases of birds, ditto in glass shades, birds in groups and single mounted on springs, from all parts of the world; also, a splendid collection of shells, immediately after the sale of marble mantels and plated ware.

J. A. CANTIE, Auctioneer.
GROCERIES, BROADWAY CARRIAGE, GIMACCARONI, HARDWARE—FRIDAY, Feb. 2, No. 87 Duane, corner Greenwich, cigars, teas, sugars, coffees, hock wheat, herring, chocolate, cur. nuts, almonds, brandy, gin, rum, c. ness, cordials, champagne, cordials, soap, candles, sal aleratus, Liverpool salt, Kanawha salt, Knives and forks, saws, squares, scales and weights, balances, chairs, sheep-heads, saloon furniture, &c.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.
BY H. H. LEEDS & CO.—THURSDAY, Feb. 1, at 12 o'clock, in front of the store No. 19 Nassau-st., two new and splendid light buggy wagons, of the latest style and best manufacture, warranted in every respect.
Also, 1 horse, gray mare, about 15 hands high, 4 years old, will go a mile in 3 minutes. Also, a single harness, but little used.
Also, 1 roan gray horse, about 15 hands high, 4 years old, warranted sound and kind in single or double harness.

SAMUEL OSGOOD, Auctioneer.
AUCTION SALE.—SAMUEL OSGOOD will sell at his store, No. 63 Nassau-st., THIS MORNING, at 10 o'clock, the remainder of the stock of J. Moriarty, deceased, by order of the Executors, consisting of gold and silver watches, by first-class makers; also, a splendid lot of the jewelry, &c. The whole of this stock to be sold without the reserve of a single dollar, ready. Every article warranted as represented.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.
ANTHONY J. BLEECKER will sell at public auction, at the Merchants' Exchange, 16 desirable building lots, 4 of the same being on 6th-st., including the southwest corner of 6th-st. and 1st-av., 100 feet deep on 1st-av., 100 feet on 6th-st. For plans and further particulars, apply to the Auctioneer, No. 7 Broad-st.

J. BOGART, Auctioneer.
BY J. BOGART.—Subscriber offers the store of Frankfort and William-sts. For sale at auction will be given to the sale of household furniture at the residence of families breaking up housekeeping, and to out-door sales generally, and all kinds of merchandise, dry goods, groceries, furniture, &c. Goods stored, insured and advances made when required. First regular sale at the salesroom on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 7.

G. A. WATERBURY, Auctioneer.
BY G. A. WATERBURY.—THIS DAY, Thursday, Feb. 1, Havana cigars, just received per Cornelia, a fine assortment of fancy goods, just opened in upper store. Also, choice wines, brandies and other liquors, chewing tobacco, and a large variety of other articles. For particulars see catalogue at our store, No. 39 Broad-st. The sale commences at half o'clock, and is without reserve for cash.

R. C. KEMP, Auctioneer.
FURS, SLEIGH ROBES, &c.—THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Feb. 1, 2 and 3, at 10½ o'clock each day, at No. 63 Broadway, corner of Walker-st.—R. C. KEMP will sell above, the balance of stock of furs to close the concern, consisting of all the usual variety of fashionable Furs. Call and examine and buy if you please.

MATTHEW JORDAN, Auctioneer.
BY JORDAN & NORTON—Auctioneers and Commission Merchants, No. 324 Broadway, (up stairs.)—FRIDAY EVENING, Feb. 2, 1855, auction sale of a collection of miscellaneous works. Also, staple and fancy stationery. To commence at 7 o'clock.

W. W. SHIRLEY, Auctioneer.
AUCTION NOTICE.—W. W. SHIRLEY will sell the balance of consignments of earthenware, china and glass, on FRIDAY, Feb. 2, 1855, at 10½ o'clock, without further notice. Catalogues on the morning of sale at the store of THOMAS F. FIELD, No. 102 Fulton-st.

REMOVALS.

THE BEEKMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY have removed to NO. 6 WALL-ST.

REMOVAL.—J. BURKE, Fashionable Boot Maker, Manufacturer to J. E. ROGERS, (formerly Kimball & Rogers,) has removed from No. 97 Nassau to No. 129 Fulton-st., the building, where he will be most happy to receive a continuance of the favors of his customers. J. B. has also added to his extensive stock of Boots' work, a great variety of Ladies', Misses', and Children's Gaiters, Slippers, Shoes, &c.

REMOVAL.—DR. DE FORREST, late of Judson's Hotel, Astor House, has removed to 25 Barclay-st., where he professionally invites the Medical Gentlemen and the public.

S. V. R. COOPER, Attorney and Counsellor at Law, No. 2 Wall-st., New-York, and Washington, D. C. Office, Attorney and Counsellor, No. 102 Broadway; Hartsdale, Beverly & Co.-st., Hoboken, No. 7 Hudson-st.

DIVIDENDS.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The first semi-annual interest, falling due in this City on the 1st of February, 1855, on the following securities, will be paid on presentation of the proper coupons, viz:
THE CLEVELAND, PAINESVILLE AND ASHTABULA RAILROAD COMPANY MORTGAGE BONDS, 7 per cents.
THE OHIO AND INDIANA RAILROAD COMPANY MORTGAGE BONDS, 7 per cents.
THE BELLEFONTAINE AND INDIANA RAILROAD COMPANY INCOME BONDS, 7 per cents.
THE CLARK COUNTY (Ohio) BONDS, issued to the SPRINGFIELD AND COLUMBUS RAILROAD COMPANY, 7 per cents.
THE CITY OF MADISON (Ind.) SIX PER CENT. BONDS.
WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., No. 52 Wall-st.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 29, 1855.

OFFICE OF REPUBLIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 74 Wall-st., Jan. 11, 1855.
THE TRUSTEES OF THIS COMPANY have this day declared, in conformity with their Charter, a Dividend of four and three quarters per cent. on their Capital Stock, payable on demand to the shareholders in cash and scrip.
And also a further dividend of twenty per cent., payable in scrip to the assured, on all premiums of this Company issued by this Company which shall terminate within the fiscal year ending 31st December last.
ROBERT S. HONE, President.
D. F. CURRY, Secretary.
The Charter of this Company provides that after paying interest to its shareholders at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, the remaining profits are to be annually divided between them and the policy holders in scrip bearing interest, which scrip is not to be paid off until the net profits together with the capital stock shall amount to one million of dollars.

INTEREST NOTICE.—MICHIGAN SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN INDIANA RAILROAD COMPANIES.—The interest falling due Feb. 1, on the Bonds of these Companies, will be paid on and after that day on presentation of the proper coupons, as follows:
On the NORTHERN INDIANA MORTGAGE BONDS of 1861, at the Mechanics' Bank.
On the NORTHERN INDIANA MORTGAGE BONDS, Goshen Line.
On the NORTHERN INDIANA BONDS of 1859.
On the MICHIGAN SOUTHERN MORTGAGE BONDS, Jackson Branch, at the office of the Companies, No. 13 William-st.
E. C. LITCHFIELD, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE GALENA AND CHICAGO RAILROAD CO., CHICAGO, Jan. 24, 1855.
NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.—Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of the Galena and Chicago Union Railroad Company, that a dividend of five per cent. upon the capital stock of this Company for the year ending Dec. 31, 1854, has been declared, payable on the 15th day of February next, in certificates bearing date Feb. 1, 1855, to be issued by the Secretary, which certificates will be redeemable in cash on the 1st day of February, 1856, with interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum. By order of the Board of Directors.
W. N. LANARDE, Secretary.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITUTION.—Jan. 31, 1855.—DIVIDEND.—This Institution and Traders' Savings Institution have declared their usual semi-annual dividend on all deposits entitled thereto, at the rate of six (6) per cent. per annum on all sums of $500 and upwards, and five (5) per cent. on all sums over that amount, payable on and after the 2d day of January instant. Dividends not called for will draw interest the same as principal.
ALFRED T. CONKLIN, President.
JAMES P. HAIGHT, Secretary.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION, No. 96 Warren-st., have declared their semi-annual dividend on all deposits entitled thereto, at the rate of six per cent., payable on and after the 20th day of January, inst. Dividends not called for will draw interest the same as principal.
CALEB S. WOODHULL, President.
VANDERBILT L. BURTON, Secretary.

RUTGERS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY—Office No. 178 Chatham-square, corner Mott-st.—DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of four per cent. upon the capital stock of the Company, payable on and after Tuesday, Feb. 1. Transfer books will be closed on and after the 20th inst. By order.
EDWARD B. FELLOWS, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—LENOX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—The Board of Directors have declared a Dividend of Four per cent. on the Capital Stock of the Company, payable on and after Monday, 5th Feb., prox., at their Office, No. 3 Chambers-st. The Transfer Books will be closed until that date.
DAVID DRAKE, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 31, 1855.

DIVIDEND.—The PETER COOPER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY have declared a Dividend of Seven per Cent., payable on and after the first day of February next, at the office of the Company, corner of M-st. and 3d-st. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th to the 31st inst. By order of the Board of Directors.
WM. H. BIBLEY, Secretary.

INTEREST NOTICE.—TERRE HAUTE AND ALTON RAILROAD.—The interest falling due 1st February on the First and Second Mortgage Bonds of this Company will be paid, on and after that day, on presentation of the proper coupons at the Corn Exchange Bank.
S. RYDER, President.

BEEKMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY—NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1855.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of five per cent. payable at their office No. 6 Wall-st., on the 1st of February next. The transfer books will be closed from the 20th of January to Feb. 1.
S. H. CONGER, Secretary.

OFFICE CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY OF NEW-JERSEY, Jan. 29, 1855.
THE INTEREST COUPONS of the Mortgage Bonds of this Company, due 1st February next, will be paid on and after that date at the office, No. 42 Wall-st.
G. M. MILLIGAN, Treasurer.

PEORIA CITY BONDS.—The Coupons for interest, due 1st Feb. prox., on Bonds of the city of Peoria, Ill., will be paid on presentation at the office of RIGGS & CO., No. 56 Wall-st.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 29, 1855.

DIVIDEND.—The Broadway Insurance Company have declared a semi-annual dividend of four per cent., payable on and after the first day of February next.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 29, 1855. JOHN WRAY, Secretary.

BANK NOTICES.

STATEMENT OF THE BROADWAY SAVINGS INSTITUTION.—In pursuance of its charter, passed June 29, 1851.
On deposit Jan. 1, 1854 ..... $438,039 21
Received from Jan. 1 to Dec. 30, 1854, 4,893 depositors 456,173 96
..... $894,213 17
Paid during the same period, 2,066 drafts 380,199 73
..... $514,013 44
Interest credited to depositors 28,047 65
On deposit, principal and interest $542,061 09
The amount of unclaimed deposits on which at least the sum of $10 is due, and which have been deposited by persons who have not within the two years last preceding Jan. 1, 1855, made a deposit or received a dividend, $19,284 07, included in the above.
INVESTMENT OF ITS FUNDS.

Bonds and Mortgages on insurance property, valued at double the amount loaned thereon	$207,800 00
Bonds of the city of Troy	55,000 00
Bonds of the city of Utica	10,000 00
Bonds of the city of Rochester	13,000 00
Bonds of the city of Albany	5,000 00
Bonds of the city of Buffalo	1,000 00
Bonds of the city of Williamsburg	10,000 00
New-York City Revenue Bonds	25,000 00
Cash in vault	41,645 26
Cash in Broadway Bank	45,261 27
Loan on State Securities	21,271 63
Interest due the Institution on Loans on Bond and Mortgage, and investments to Jan. 1, 1855	9,976 08
	$523,174 04
Surplus	9,232 75

JAN. 1, 1855. W. H. WORSALL, Secretary.

BANK DEPARTMENT—STATE OF NEW-YORK—ALBANY, Oct. 24, 1854.—Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the statutes in such cases made and provided, that all the circulating notes issued to J. L. LEONARD, as individual Banker (the Bank of the People, Lowville, Lewis County,) must be presented at the Office of the Superintendent of the Banking Department of the State of New-York, for payment, within two years from the date hereof, or the funds deposited for the redemption of the circulating notes issued to the said Banker will be given up.
c01-'54-1awfwTh. D. B. ST. JOHN, Superintendent.

BANK DEPARTMENT—STATE OF NEW-YORK—ALBANY, Aug. 7, 1854.—Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided, that all the circulating notes issued by H. MARTIN G. AUSTIN, an individual banker, BANK OF THE EMPIRE STATE, must be presented at the office of the Superintendent of the Banking Department of the State of New-York, within two years from the date of this notice, or the funds deposited for the redemption of such notes will be given up to said banker.
a810-'54-1awfwTh. D. B. ST. JOHN, Superintendent.

BANK DEPARTMENT, STATE OF NEW-YORK—ALBANY, Jan. 26, 1855.—THE WEEDSPORT BANK has this day filed in this office a notice of the appointment of the MERCANTILE BANK, in the City of New-York, as agent for the redemption of its circulating notes, agreeable to the act entitled "An act to amend the several acts relative to Incorporated Banks, Banking Associations and Individual Bankers," passed April 19, 1851.
D. B. ST. JOHN, Superintendent.

MACHINERY.

THE TUTTLE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, OF NAUGATUCK, CT.—Have my respected depôts from Nos. 83 and 85 John-st., to the store of
JOHN W. CORLIES & CO.,
No. 32 Dey-st.,
(with whom they have made arrangements for the entire sale of their goods,) are now prepared to offer to the TRADE their MANUFACTURES of
SOLID SHANK HOES, of all kinds.
HAY and MANURE FORKS,
POTATO and MANURE HOOKS,
SLUICE FORKS and GARDEN RAKES,
SPADING FORKS, &c., &c.,
on the most favorable terms. All orders addressed to the undersigned, will receive prompt attention, and the Jobbing Trade are earnestly requested to call and examine their goods.
JOHN W. CORLIES & CO.
Sole Agents Tuttle Manuf'g Co., No. 32 Dey-st., N. Y.
NEW-YORK, Oct. 10, 1854.

SOLID WROUGHT IRON BEAMS FOR FIRE-PROOF BUILDINGS, VAULTS, STORE FRONTS, SOOTS, &c.—The undersigned are now prepared to furnish Solid wrought Iron Rolled Beams, cut to required lengths, at a price which enables fire-proof buildings to be erected at a very moderate advance on the cost of wooden ones. The public are invited to examine this new building of Messrs. Harper & Brothers in Cliff-st., where they have been used. For further information apply to COOPER & HEWITT, No. 17 Burling-slip.

COAL.

COAL OF THE BEST QUALITY delivered at the following prices: Egg and stove size, $6 50 per ton; Nut size, $6 75; Cumberland mine, by mines, $7; Cumberland lime, blacksmith use, $7. Yard, Rio de Janeiro-st., corner of Gouverneur, New-York, and foot of Grand-st., Williamsburg, at the Ferry.
JAMES MOORE.

COAL.—I have reduced my best Red Ash to $6 75, screened, and delivered from my yards, King and Greenwich-sts. No. 156 Duane-st., and 48th-st. and 6th-av.
PETER CLINTON.

FARO PLAYING CARDS.

FARO PLAYING CARDS.—Very old and excellent quality, made by SAM HART & CO. For sale to the trade and club houses at their store, No. 1 Barclay-st., opposite the Astor House.

FINANCIAL.

LOAN OF $1,000,000.—FOR THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE ERIE, THE OSWEGO, THE CAYUGA AND SENECA CANALS, AND FOR the completion of the BLACK RIVER AND CENTRE VALLEY CANALS, and the enlargement of LOCKS OF THE CHAMPLAIN CANALS.
The Commissioners of the Canal Fund, by virtue of the act entitled "An act to provide for the enlargement of the Erie, the Oswego, and the Cayuga and Seneca Canals, and for the completion of the Black River and Genesee Valley Canals, and to provide for the payment of certain Canal Revenue Certificates and for other purposes," passed 15th of April, 1854, hereby give notice that sealed proposals will be received at the Canal Department until the 22d day of February next, at 12 o'clock noon, of that day, for a loan of ONE MILLION OF DOLLARS, for which transferable certificates of stock will be issued, in the name of the people of the State of New-York, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable quarterly on the first days of January, April, July and October in each year, and the principal reimbursable on the 1st day of January, 1875.
It is to be understood that the Commissioners are to be at liberty to take a less sum, if the offers are not such as in their opinion are advantageous to the interests of the State.
The proposal may be for the whole or any part of said loan, not less than $5,000. All proposals to be sealed up and endorsed, "Loan for the Enlargement, &c.," and enclosed in an envelope directed to the Auditor of the Canal Department, at Albany.
The money will be required to be paid, ten per cent. on the acceptance of the bid, and the balance on the 1st day of March next, at which time interest will commence on the loan, but the money will be received and scrip issued at any time before the 1st of March if desired, after the award of the loan is made.
Payments to be made by depositing the same to the credit of the "Treasurer of the State on account of the Canal Fund," in the Bank of the Manhattan Company, New-York, or in the New-York State Bank, in the city of Albany.
Blank forms of proposals for the First and Second Judicial Districts, and those residing out of the State, will receive the interest on the stock held by them quarterly, at the Bank of the Manhattan Company in the City of New-York; all other stockholders, at the New-York State Bank in the city of Albany.
Dated Canal Department, Albany, Jan. 27, 1855.
H. J. RAYMOND, Lieutenant-Governor.
E. W. LAVERNORTH, Secretary of State.
JAMES M. COOK, Comptroller.
B. G. SPAULDING, Treasurer.
OGDEN HOFFMAN, Attorney-General.
Commissioners Canal Fund.

CITY AND COUNTY TEN PER CENT. BONDS.—The subscribers offer for sale the following described Bonds:
$10,000 CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA, TEN PER CENT. BONDS, principal and interest payable in this City.
$10,000 COUNTY OF SCOTT, IOWA, TEN PER CENT. BONDS, principal and interest payable in this City.
The above Bonds are payable in 1865, were issued for subscription to the stock of the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad Company, and are guaranteed by the Company, being the only liability so yet created by said Company, besides the stock thus subscribed for is pledged as additional security for the payment of principal and interest of said Bonds. Full particulars of the financial condition of the City and County, can be obtained on application to
E. W. CLARKE, DODGE & CO., No. 51 Wall-st.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY'S OFFICE.—ALBANY, July 28, 1854.—The public are notified that the 7 per cent. Convertible Bonds of the Company may now be obtained at par, on application at the office, or at the transfer agencies of this Company in New-York or Boston. These Bonds are issued for $1,000 each, and are payable to bearer, but may be consolidated into larger amounts if desired, and made payable to order.
JOHN V. L. PRUYN, Treasurer.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, BROOKLYN, Jan. 22, 1855.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons having claims against the city of Williamsburg, and the Town of Bushwick, prior to 1855, that they be requested to present the same, with the vouchers thereof, at the office of the subscriber, as soon as practicable.
WM. B. LEWIS, Comptroller.

THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE PHENIX MINING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY OF VIRGINIA, who intend subscribing to the Stock of the new Company, are informed that the books will be closed on THURSDAY, the 1st February, as the subscriptions will be closed on that day. Apply at No. 13 Broadway, room No. 5, between 1 and 4 o'clock P. M.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND-AVENUE RAILROAD CO., NEW-YORK, Jan. 15, 1855.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held on MONDAY, Feb. 5, next, at the office of the Company, No. 68 Bowery, from 12 o'clock till 2. The Transfer Books will be closed from 15th instant until after the election. By order.
PHILIP C. ROGERS, Secretary.

IRVING BANK.—New-York, Jan. 19, 1855.—The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank and for three Inspectors of the ensuing year will be held at the Bank on MONDAY, the 5th day of February. The Poll will be open from 1 to 2 o'clock P. M.
DANL. V. H. BERTHOLF, Cashier.

EXCHANGE BANK OF HASKELL & CO.—ST. LOUIS, MO.—Dealers in exchange, gold, silver and bank notes. Collections in all parts of the West made and promptly remitted free of charge, except current exchange. References, American Exchange Bank.

THE FINAL INSTALLMENT OF FIVE DOLLARS PER SHARE on the Scrip Stock of the MANHATTAN GAS LIGHT COMPANY will be paid at their office, No. 50 Stu-st., on the 1st of February next. By order of the Board.
A. H. HOWARD, Secretary.

PARTIES HOLDING BILLS OF EXCHANGE drawn by Dennis Bakes & Church, of San Francisco, payable at the Comm Bank of New-York, are requested to present the same for payment.
J. F. VAN VLECK & READ, No. 2 Wall-st.

$35,000 TO LOAN—ON BOND AND MORTGAGE, on first class productive real estate, in the lower part of this City. Apply to JOHN F. CONBEY, Nos. 22 and 24 Wall-st.

ADVANCES ARE MADE—On shipments of merchandise to Great Britain; also on merchandise warehoused or on transit to New-York.
THEODORE DEHON, No. 10 Wall-st., near Broadway.

INSURANCE.

BROOKLYN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY—CHARTERED IN 1824.—Office No. 49 Pine, corner of Front-st., Brooklyn, and No. 4 Merchants' Exchange, Wall-st., New-York. This Company, having their capital invested in the most unexceptionable securities, and having a large surplus, continues to insure against loss or damage by fire, on buildings, furniture, merchandise, vessels in port, and their cargoes, upon as favorable terms as any similar institution.
DIRECTORS.
William Ellsworth, Thomas Tredwell, Fishman T. Barnes, Robert C. Bell, John B. Brown, Chas. A. Jarvis, John A. Kennedy, J. B. Fitzgerald, Isaac V. Fowler, Wm. Oliver, A. B. Freeman, Chas. T. Crowell, H. H. Williams, Solomon Kipp, John T. Bruce, Jas. Bell, Jr., Jas. Bell, Jas. Lee, Jr., Jas. Fleming, Geo. Gillilan, J. M. Greenwood, John C. Smith.
WILLIAM ELLSWORTH, President.
WILLIAM F. LEGGETT, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 41 Wall-st., 4th Ward, 5th, 1854.—This Company, with a CASH CAPITAL of $210,000, with a surplus of over $100,000, insures against loss or damage by fire, on reasonable terms.
DIRECTORS.
George S. Fox, C. W. Lawrence, Rich. F. Carman, Rich. A. Bowling, Peter J. Titus, Jas. F. Marrow, John Mason, J. C. Cornell, Jas. Cornell, Hull Clark, Wm. H. Falls, Ralph Mead, Wm. C. White, Jos. W. Corlies, Richard Field, John J. Walker, John D. Wright, Th. W. Pownall, Chas. H. Marshall, Abraham Bell, Ira Hawley, Jr., Wm. Bell.
GEO. S. FOX, President.
SAMUEL TOWNSEND, Secretary.

THE PEOPLE'S FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK.
CASH CAPITAL, $150,000 WITH A SURPLUS.
OFFICE,
No. 12 William-st. and No. 172 Canal-st.
Property generally insured against loss or damage by fire.
RICHARD VARICK, President.
W. F. UNDERHILL, Secretary.

REMOVAL.—The PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of Philadelphia have removed their New-York Branch Office to No. 64 Wall-st.
PHILANDER SHAW, Secretary.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

ASTONISHING REDUCTION in the price of PIANOS and MELODEONS to suit the times—viz.: 6 octave, rosewood, $160 to $175; do. 66, $175 to $200; do. 7 octave, $210 to $225; one superb Piano, $400, cost $700. First superior melodeon, $75; second do., $50 to $62. Pianos from $50 to $125. Being a reduction of 50 per cent. from usual prices. Each instrument fully warranted. McDONALD BROTHERS, Manufacturers,
No. 365 Bowery, near Houston-st.

VIOLIN IMPROVEMENT.—The recently patented keyed stop finger-board rivals as the greatest musical instrument improvement of the age. It renders the stopping and tuning easy and morally correct, changing the difficult accuracy of the violin and placing it within the reach of thousands who in the old style could not master the first rudiments. Can be attached to any violin. Violin taught.
W. ROBERTSON,
No. 339 Broadway, over Waters' music store.

PREMIUM PIANOS.—BERRY & GORDON, No. 297 Broadway, have just received a fresh supply of superior improved scale and action Pianos, from Hallet, Davis & Co.'s celebrated manufactory, which surpass any that we have before offered. Buying for cash, we are able to sell at extremely low prices. Second-hand Pianos for sale and to let at reduced rates. Newly-improved model Melodeons, with six octaves, for sale or to let. Monthly payments taken for part of the amount.

ATTENTION—Is respectfully invited to our extensive assortment of superior PIANO-FORTES, at our new and spacious warerooms, No. 421 Broome-st., (a few doors east of Broadway,) which, in consequence of the increased demand for our unrivaled instruments, have been fitted up with special regard to the convenience of our numerous friends and patrons.
LIGHTE, NEWTON & BRADBURY.

A VERY FINE ROSEWOOD PIANO-FORTE, cost $350 a few months since, for sale for $175. In perfect, modern case, fully warranted by celebrated makers; this patent metallic frame and modern improvements. Sold on account of sickness. Can be seen Wednesday and Thursday, from 8 o'clock till 9, at No. 185 Chambers-st.

EXCHANGE.—A splendid Piano, rosewood, almost new, and warranted, will be exchanged for a second-hand Piano, or sold at a great sacrifice for cash, necessity compelling the owner to do so. Inq Mr. Weber's premises it may be seen at No. 109 West Broadway.

NINE PIANO-FORTES FOR SALE OR TO LET.—To suit the times. A handsome rosewood 7 octave, for $175; one of Stodart's, $175; others at $38, up to $300; or to let at $2, $3, $4 and $5 a month. Fred. DUMSDAY, No. 239 Grand-st.

PIANO-FORTES.—A fine assortment of Piano-Fortes for sale and to let. Also, Piano-Fortes to rent, with privilege of purchasing. HAINES BROTHERS & DUMMINGS, No. 216 Mott-st., corner 14th-st.

COMPLAINT BOOK.—There is present at this office a Complaint Book under the statutes of a competent person for the purpose of receiving and entering of every complaint against the Banks and Banking Associations. The Bankers are notified that the law gives him power, take cognizance of charges preferred in the Complaint Book, and to call the officers of any Bank before the Chief Officer of the Bank, upon the complaint of any person, and if the Officer of the Bank shall not make satisfactory answer to the Chief Officer of the Bank, the Chief Officer of the Bank shall report the same to the Comptroller.
BANK'S OFFICE, Jan. 3, 1855.
All the papers in this City will please copy and send their bills to this office.

RAILROADS.

CHICAGO TO ST. LOUIS.—Two and only three trains per day, without change of cars, between the United States Hotel, Chicago, and Bloomington, Springfield, Carlinville and Alton, and the travelling public will at once see the important advantages of this
AN AIR LINE ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS,
over any other route from Chicago to the Southwest.
NOTICE!—IMPORTANT CONNECTIONS.
AT ALTON—Connections with daily line packet to Keokuk, making this the most direct route to Hannibal, Quincy, Keokuk, and Northeastern Missouri.
AT ST. LOUIS—Connections with first-class lines of steamers for New-Orleans, with daily lines to all points on Lower Mississippi, Ohio, Cumberland, Tennessee, and Arkansas Rivers; and also with steamers for all points on Missouri River, making this the direct route to Kansas and Council Bluffs.
MORGAN, Jr., Superintendent.
CHICAGO, Aug. 1, 1854.

CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO RAILROAD.—GREAT SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN CANAL AND LAKE SHORE LINE.—FOR TOLEDO, CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND, ST. LOUIS, GALENA, DUBUQUE, MILWAUKEE, SHEBOYGAN, and the West generally; also, SANDUSKY, DAYTON, INDIANAPOLIS, CINCINNATI and FORT WAYNE.—Passengers by this route are not liable to be sent over the Niagara River, to have their baggage, or the surveillance of Custom-House officers. Five daily trains from Cleveland: First—2:30 A. M., New-York Express, from station of C. C. & C. R. R., for Toledo, Chicago, and St. Louis. Second—3 A. M., Night Express Train, from wharf side of the river, for Sandusky, Dayton, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and Fort Wayne. Third—8:30 P. M., Mail Train, from station of C. C. & C. R. R., for Toledo, Chicago, and St. Louis. Fourth—4 P. M., Mail Train, from wharf side of the river, for Sandusky. Fifth—8:30 P. M., Night Express Train, from station of C. C. & C. R. R., for Toledo and Chicago. Through tickets can be procured at the principal Railroad Ticket Offices.
E. B. PHILLIPS, Superintendent.
OFFICE OF C. & T. R. R., CLEVELAND, Nov. 28, 1854.

NEW-YORK AND ERIE RAILROAD.—On and after MONDAY, Dec. 25, and until further notice, Passenger Trains will leave Piermont for Dunkirk

New-York Daily Times.

NEW-YORK CITY.

Lecture To-Night.

Rev. HENRY WARD BEECHER lectures at the Tabernacle this evening on "Patriotism."

Rev. Dr. MANAHAN of the Anne-street Church, on the "Wants and Duties to the Church."

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Meeting of the Department on Stuyvesant Institute.

The representatives of the Fire Department met at Stuyvesant Institute last evening.

The Fire Law presented by JAS. L. MILLER, at the meeting of the Department in June last, was taken up for discussion, preparatory to presenting it to the Legislature for final enactment. After a lengthy discussion of its merits it was adopted by a very close vote.

Mr. MILLER, the originator of the bill, then asked leave to withdraw it, as he perceived there was much opposition to the bill, and he believed it to be the interest of the Department to have a bill go before the Legislature in which unanimity of opinion existed throughout the whole Department, which was signed.

Mr. E. WOOD then moved that a Committee of gentlemen, masons and practical mechanics, be appointed to draft a new bill to be presented to the Department at its next meeting.

Mr. LOUIS J. BELLONI thought it would be advisable to postpone the matter until another Broadway calamity occurred, and some more of their fellow firemen were killed by the falling of the walls of buildings similarly constructed.

Mr. PHILIP SNOW, an exempt fireman, was opposed to the placing of men of any particular trade on that committee. He stated that some thirty years ago he was engaged in the construction of a bill which, if it had been allowed to pass the Legislature at that session, no such sacrifices of human life as those recently visited in the Department of this City, would have been made; and that the carpenters and masons on that committee defeated the bill on the plea that it would deprive them of work, on account of the durability of the buildings.

The motion was finally adopted, and the following committee appointed by the Chair to prepare the bill, viz: W. R. Rockwell, Geo. W. Kennard, James L. Miller, James Donahue and John Gilhaus.

The reports of the several Committees being next in order, D. MILLIKEN, Chairman of the Committee appointed to prepare a bill for enactment, providing for the better regulation of the Fire Department of this City, reported that the Committee had prepared a bill, which provided for the election, from this body of Fire Commissioners, who shall be exempt firemen, and shall have ceased to be active members of the Department for three years prior to their election; said Commissioners to have cognizance of all applications for the organization of new Companies; applications for membership, also resignations and expulsions, and the trial of all offenders against the laws governing the Department. The act also provides that the Common Council shall devise a badge, and make it a misdemeanor to falsely represent any member, or to use any of the devices of the Department, punishable by fine and imprisonment.

The report of the Committee was accepted, and the bill ordered printed, and to be circulated at least ten days previous to the next meeting of the Department.

Mr. SMITH moved that the former bill be laid on the table, and a new Committee be appointed to prepare a bill, separating them entirely from the action of the Common Council.

The motion was negatived by a vote of 65 to 66.

CITY PAUPERS.

Commissioners of Emigration.

The Commissioners of Emigration held a regular meeting yesterday afternoon. Commissioners VERPLANCK, (President,) CRAPTREE, PURDY, KELLY, DUNLAP, WITTHAUS, CARRIGAN, and Major WOOD were present.

The summary statement of the week gives the following exhibit:

Immigrants arrived from 1st to 31st	7,908
Do. by Railroad	4,108
Total for the period	$21,670 32
Expenditures for the same period	20,956 05
Balance in Treasury	20,099 16

On motion of Commissioner WITTHAUS, the following resolutions was adopted:

Resolved, That the annual report of this Commission which has been made in the city of each month as the monthly report required by the Vice President, be duly accepted by the book-keeper on the regular books of this Commission.

A resolution, offered by Commissioner PURDY, inviting Governors CLARK and PRICE, and the delegation of the Legislature, now in this City, to visit the Emigrant Institution, was adopted, and Commissioners PURDY, KELLY and WITTHAUS were appointed to escort the members to the Institution.

Vice-President CRAPTREE reported that he had had an interview with the Sardinian Minister, who assured him that he had taken measures to prevent any one landing from the Sardinian frigate *Des Geneys* until he had made a personal investigation of each one's case, and having made such investigation would report to the Commission, and ask for instructions.

The Vice-President also reported that five of the Weeks had applied for and received $50 each, in accordance with a previous resolution of the Board.

Mayor WOOD left before the expiration of the Session. Before leaving he remarked that he had attended the meeting with a view of proposing that the Commission should pay the salaries of such members of the Police Department as were detailed expressly and exclusively in guarding the interests of emigrants. He thought the proposition a just one.

Commissioner KELLY thought that the principle was also applicable to non-resident merchants, for their property was protected and watched by the Police.

Commissioner CARRIGAN thought places of public amusement should also pay for the policemen detailed there.

The Mayor agreed with Commissioner CARRIGAN, and said he intended to suggest to the Common Council the propriety of such a measure.

The Commissioners said that when such a course became general, the Commissioners would be willing to acquiesce in the plan.

The Mayor expressed himself pleased with the efficiency and faithfulness with which the labors of the Commission were discharged.

Some other business, not of general importance, was transacted.

Board of Education—The Mayor Again.

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held yesterday.

A communication was read from His Honor the Mayor, calling the attention of the Board to the school-house in the Nineteenth Ward, situated in Lexington-avenue, between Fifty-first and Fifty-second-streets. The communication stated that complaints had been made, that the building being situated in the centre of the avenue, obstructed and prevented free access through the street. Its removal without delay was asked for. Mr. WINTHROP moved its reference to the Committee on Sites and School-houses. Mr. GREEN objected to the mandatory form of the communication. The motion to refer prevailed.

The Committee on By-laws, Rules and Regulations submitted a report recommending several amendments to the existing By-laws.

The Committee on Elections and Qualifications reported in favor of the confirmation of the nominations of the School officers of the Twentieth, Fifteenth and Thirteenth Wards, for Trustees in their respective Wards, as follows: NELSON WARTHWORTH, School Trustee of the Twentieth Ward; W. H. BLACKMAN, School Trustee of the Fifteenth Ward; AUGUSTUS MORAND, School Trustee of the Thirteenth Ward. The report was adopted and nominations confirmed.

The following appropriations, on report of the Committee on Finance, then recommending, were voted by the Board:

For use of premises occupied by School Commissioners	[illegible]
For use of Public Academy	[illegible]
For the Book Depository	[illegible]

A request of Committee on Sites and School-houses, authorizing School Officers of the Fifteenth Ward, to advertise for proposals to erect a school-house in said Ward, was adopted.

The Board adjourned one week.

The Christian Home for Female Servants—Caution.

We have been favored with sundry visitations from the lady whose performances are indicated in the subjoined cards of caution. This lady was formerly a Mrs. BILLSLAND, and is now known as Mrs. LINFORD. Not knowing but there may be another side to the story, we give the letters—the character of the signatures being their vouchers:

A CARD.

CHRISTIAN HOME FOR THE BENEFIT OF FEMALE SERVANTS.

The undersigned, whose names may appear as subscribers to the funds, as officers, or as patrons of a professed organized Society under the above designation, find it to be a duty to caution the public against being misled by the appearance of their names in any document or paper connected therewith—as they believe, no regular organization of such an institution has been effected, nor can advantageously be, under the auspices of the lady who has lately been soliciting subscriptions to it, with a subscription book and other papers in which our names appear—in some cases given under erroneous representations, and in others most without authority.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 26, 1855.

AS CONTRIBUTORS OF FUNDS,
J. BOORMAN, No. 12 Washington-square.
PETER COOPER, No. 9 Lexington-avenue.
JACOB A. WESTERVELT, No. 368 East Broadway.
S. F. TOWNSEND.
C. VANDERBILT, No. 10 Washington-place.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 26, 1855.

WHEREAS, We the undersigned have been represented as officers of the Institution known as the "Home of Protection and Instruction for the benefit of Female Servants," it is proper at this time we disclaim any right to be considered as, firmly as we never have been formally or officially informed of our appointment, and believe there never was more than one meeting of the ladies, and that no organization was ever effected.

ESSEY TOWELL.
ELIZABETH M. REMSEN.
CORNELIA V. PARSONS.

The undersigned, having by their signatures, expressed their approval of the objects and ends of an institution to be known as the "Home of Protection and Instruction for the Benefit of Female Servants," beg leave to say that they of course understood the institution was to be duly organized and placed under the care and supervision of a proper committee of ladies. Presupposing such an organization, they still recommend the object. Of anything beyond this they desire to be understood as not giving their approval.

FRANCIS L. HAWKS,
CHARLES E. CHEEVER,
JAMES W. ALEXANDER,
GEORGE PUTTS.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 26, 1855.

The Commissioners of Emigration and the Ten Governors.

The following communication has been addressed to the Governors of the Almshouse by order of the Commissioners of Emigration:

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION,
NEW-YORK, Thursday, Jan. 25, 1855.

Isaac Townsend, Esq., President of the Board of Governors of the Almshouse:

DEAR SIR: Herewith you will please find copy of preamble and resolution adopted at the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Emigration held yesterday, being in reply to a communication from your Department.

A communication from the Governors of the Almshouse requiring payment of the bills rendered by them for the support of lunatics received on the 17th inst. having been considered, it was resolved that

Whereas, The law organizing this Commission directs the Commissioners of Emigration to indemnify from the moneys received by them, so far as may be, the several cities, towns and counties of this State, for the expense or charge which may be incurred for the maintenance and support of any of the persons for whom commutation money shall have been paid, in proportion to the expenses incurred by said cities, towns and counties severally, for such maintenance and support; and,

Whereas, The Commissioners of Emigration have paid to the Governors of the Almshouse, in full, at the rate formerly agreed upon for the support of lunatics supported by said Governors up to January, 1854, amounting to $27,505 36 within the past year, which amount of rate they have since rescinded, and given due notice thereof, and are therefore bound by law to pay for such lunatics only the cost or charge of their actual maintenance; and,

Whereas, There are certain charges, especially those for the support of native children of alien mothers, born in this City and County, incurred by this Commission, and which in their judgment are justly chargeable to the Governors of the Almshouse, and constitute a full, just and equitable offset probably to the full amount now claimed by the Governors as due to them, therefore

Resolved, That the Commissioners of Emigration are ready and desirous to pay whatever sums may be due to the Governors of the Almshouse, as soon as the respective claims of the two Boards can be adjusted, and time to this end they renew the proposition repeatedly made, of referring and deciding all such outstanding claims of both parties to the decision of arbitrators, or by an amicable suit.

G. C. VERPLANCK, President.

Anti-Slavery Lecture.

The regular lecture of the course given under the auspices of the New-York Anti-Slavery Society was delivered on Tuesday evening, by Hon. CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, of Massachusetts, before a sparse audience in the Tabernacle. The subject was, "What makes Slavery a question of National concern?"

Mr. ADAMS commenced his lecture by remarking that invective used in any cause was not in the end beneficial to that cause, but, on the contrary, could only excite a vindictive spirit in retaliation, and consequently he should treat his subject dispassionately. During the past eighty years the number of slaves had increased to more than the entire population of the United States at that time. If the future can be judged from the past, then eighty years more will increase the number of slaves to twenty-five millions. It had been said that Slavery was a matter of concern only in those States where it existed; but he could not see how it could be asserted that the existence of an evil in one part of the body politic was not a matter of concern to the other part. It was a matter of national concern from a great necessity. Slavery was not a matter like the issues of ordinary political parties. It took deep root. It was engrafted into the heart of the religious institutions of our country. It rose from the assumption of arbitrary power and the incorporation of wrong into political institutions. But our Saviour came, and by his teachings commenced the demolition of false ideas, and at once Slavery began to decline, and did decline, until by a difference of faith and color in human kind, it was again revived and was once more an institution in the world. But after the Missouri Compromise of 1820, a few hearts began to swell with a consciousness that there had been a neglect of duty. They were few but determined, and were aroused to a sense that the future was full of danger. Women were among the first who seriously entered into the work, and the first Society whose purposes were avowedly for the extinction of Chattel Slavery was composed of 12 women, and was the Female Anti-Slavery Society of Boston. Perhaps they were fanatical, but they met with the scandal and abuse of nearly all. They had no fears of politicians. Because that Society had invited GEORGE THOMPSON to deliver an address under its auspices, an infuriated mob rushed into the room where these inoffensive women were, and because they did not succeed in finding GEORGE THOMPSON, they vented their spite by defacing the premises. It may be said this was an irresponsible mob, for but a few weeks previously a meeting was held in Faneuil Hall, at which it was resolved to procure the passage of a law to punish the discussion of Slavery. But yet the particular Anti-Slavery movement which originated in that little Anti-Slavery Society, still meets not with popular favor. It is still spoken of reproachfully, but from that little kernel has grown the entire Anti-Slavery sentiment which now exists. It was said by Pro-Slavery men that the Anti-Slavery sentiment was wantonly aggressive. This was not so. Slavery only existed by the fear of the slaves. The assertion that "every man has a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" was in 1776 in advance of the age. Many who endorsed the idea were themselves interfering with the happiness of many souls, and depriving them of their liberty. But that idea gained gradually a recognition by our people; and when that little band of Anti-Slavery women and men were attacked, in property and person menaced by mobs, the people began to feel that a blow was struck at the foundation of our institutions. If indeed there is ever to be a practical recognition of those great principles in this Republic, its origin can and will be traced to that little band of self-sacrificing and devoted Anti-Slavery men and women. Anti-Slavery in its whole history has been acting on the defensive; Slavery had itself been the aggressor. It was urged that the movement was one of a geographical character. They contended that it was the North against the South. Such was not the fact. The anti-Slavery men were not sectarians. They fought against Chattel Slavery wherever it existed, and did it exist in the North they would apply their means to have it in the South also.

The Slave power was now composed of about three hundred and eighty thousand voting men. They controlled eighteen States and materially affected the sentiments by near one-hundred, of five or six more. All were bound together by a common bond of $2,000,000,000 worth of what they call property, and practically they were of one idea. They held power in the National Government, controlled the public Treasury and the political parties. The only champion of this Goliah, is a truth, invincible, because it cannot die. It has suffered numerous defeats, but yet gained strength by each. The want of immediate success of Anti-Slavery ideas in the councils of the Government is the number of issues which are brought before the people. It was not sufficient that a man should be an unflinching friend of freedom, but he is required to be favorable in questions of a local nature also. In speaking of the recent mingling together of the Know-Nothing and Free-Soil elements in Massachusetts, the lecturer deprecated the act. He thought that the Anti-Slavery men had descended from a ground which was tenable, from a strong point to a weak one. They may say that they may prevail in the movement and give it an Anti-Slavery character. But in reply he would say that by their act the Anti-Slavery ranks had been divided, and if when undivided they could not prevail, how could they when their power was divided? The speaker did not believe that the disfranchisement of foreigners and reducing them to a position but little better than slaves, was a good school to educate men to emancipate men and women who were really held in bondage. The speaker did not like secret political movements. He had always found those men who were open-handed and straight-forward to be most worthy of confidence. Had Know-Nothing ideas prevailed during the Revolution, MONTGOMERY, PULASKI, LA FAYETTE, DE KALB, and other foreigners who aided in securing the freedom of a country not their own, would have been proscribed, and a treacherous ARNOLD or a treasonable BURR would have been upheld. Upon no other idea than that God looks alike on all men, can Anti-Slavery sentiments prevail.

The Forgery of Tobacco Labels—The Defendant Committed for Trial—Exciting Scene.

Yesterday afternoon an examination took place before Justice CONNOLLY in relation to a charge of forgery pending against a tobacco dealer, named HENRY J. MACKERS. The defendant is accused of forging labels used for the "fine cut" tobacco manufactured by Messrs. LILIENTHAL & Co., thereby supplying the trade with a spurious article.

In addition to this complaint, Mr. WM. E. LAWRENCE, (a member of the firm of Mrs. G. B. MILLER & Co.,) appeared before the Court and preferred another charge against MACKERS, for forging the labels of that house by procuring a *fac simile* of the signatures, &c., engraved on a copper plate, which has since been seized by officer WEBB at a printing establishment. The evidence adduced by the prosecution having proved to be conclusive, no defence was offered, and the Magistrate ordered defendant to find bail in $1,000 to answer the complaints at the Court of General Sessions. The prisoner failed to procure bonds and was fully committed.

During the investigation, an exciting scene occurred in Court. One of the lawyers who attend at the Tombs, to interest themselves in the affairs of prisoners, approached Justice CONNOLLY to ask "if it were not possible for him to do the job for less than a hundred dollars." The Justice was very naturally surprised and indignant that he was addressed in such terms, and demanded an explanation. The offender gave his authority, and the party implicated entered Court at the instant. The charge that he had promised to influence the decision of the Court in prisoner's behalf was denied. He said he had procured the money, but it was for the purpose of procuring bail for the prisoner, and to pay "contingent expenses." The Court administered fitting counsel, and the counsel retired.

A Criminal Complaint for Usury—Arrest of a Broadway Loan Broker.

Yesterday morning an important proceeding in regard to the Usury laws was brought before Judge DAVISON at the Jefferson Police Court. An Italian named PIETRO SARACCO made a complaint against the keeper of a Loan office at No. 425 Broadway, named CHARLES STURGIS, *alias* BROWN, *alias* MASON, charging him with a misdemeanor, in obtaining some twenty payments of interest on loans of $60, $65, $55, $100, and $15, for which he pledged a $350 Piano-forte, musical instruments, gold watches, and other articles, as collateral security. The accused was not licensed as a pawnbroker, and the complainant testified to paying him interest on these various loans of *six* and *ten per cent.* each month. On this statement of facts the magistrate issued his warrant for STURGIS, and he was arrested by Officer ROSS.

The section of the Revised Statutes in regard to the State Law on "Rates of Interest," is as follows:

Section 15 of Title third, Chapter IV., Part second, Revised Statutes.

Any person who shall directly or indirectly receive any greater interest, discount or consideration, than is prescribed in the said title, and in violation of provisions of said title, or of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor; and, on conviction thereof, the person so offending shall be punished by fine not exceeding $1,000, or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both.

The Massachusetts.

This vessel is still in the safe keeping of the United States authorities, and has been removed from her late position at pier No. 11 North River, to the foot of Hubert-street, pending the investigations which District Attorney deems it necessary to make.

The water which is in the hold will be pumped out to-day, when the examination will be proceeded with. It is the opinion of the United States authorities at this port, that she was intended to carry guns of heavy calibre, as a full flush deck had been constructed.

A Hard-Hearted Daughter.

Sergeant ADAMS, of the Fourteenth Ward Police, discovered about 11½ o'clock on Tuesday night a fire in the upper part of No. 246 Mott-street. On entering the premises he found an elderly woman named Mrs. ELLEN MCFARLAN with her clothes on fire. He managed, after much difficulty, to quench the flames, but not until the woman was severely burned. On inquiry as to the cause of the fire, Mrs. MCFARLAN stated that her daughter ANN had set fire to the house and then fired her dress. ANN was immediately taken into custody and locked up in the station-house until this morning, when she was taken to the Police Court and committed to prison to await an examination.

Fire in Pearl-street.

A fire broke out in a rear room of building No. 219 Pearl, near Centre-street, at 1½ o'clock this morning. The room was occupied by J. HARTLY, a German jeweler. The fire originated from some unknown cause. The roof was badly damaged, and the lower stories were flooded with water. The building—a large four-story brick one—was occupied by different parties as residences and stores, and the occupants were terribly frightened. The residents in the vicinity tumbled their furniture into the street with great rapidity, and most unnecessarily. For a time, "confusion worse confounded" reigned supreme, but the fire was entirely extinguished at 1½ o'clock.

Fire in Spring-street.

The alarm for the Third District at a quarter of 11 o'clock last night, was occasioned by a fire of accidental origin, in a liquor shop, No. 205 Spring-street. The damage was trifling.

The Burns Club.

A large and highly respectable meeting was held last evening at Honey's Union Hotel, Brooklyn, to take into consideration the best means to secure, on a firm basis, the organization of the Burns Club. Important matters will be discussed at their next meeting, of which due notice will be given.

Police Appointment.

The Commissioners have reappointed Mr. FRANCIS OWENS Night Sergeant and Telegraph Operator at the office of the Chief of Police. Sergeant OWENS is a faithful and efficient officer, and his reappointment will be very satisfactory to those having business to transact at the Chief's office in the night time.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—Jan. 31.

Before Judge Betts.

Verdicts were taken yesterday forenoon this morning in several revenue cases, being suits against various Collectors to recover back duties which have been paid. The verdicts were taken for the plaintiffs for various sum units, subject to the opinion of the Court, and judgment ad to amount. The jury were then discharged until the first Monday of March.

FIRST DISTRICT COURT.

Before Judge Green.

Joseph K. Cook, Jr., vs. Samuel E. Cochrat.—Action to recover a commission of $75 for procuring a loan for defendant of $1,500, pursuant to a written agreement. It appeared that the defendant had in writing made application to plaintiff (a broker by obtain loans) to procure him a loan of $1,500, for which he agreed to pay $75, without any "equivocation or delay." That thereupon the plaintiff applied in writing to S. B. H. Judah for the loan, setting forth therein the condition of the property, and that the house, in Forty-fourth-street, on which he wished to obtain the loan, was a modern built first class house. Mr. Judah swore that he could not recollect all the conditions, as he had not the written application with him; but that he had the money to loan, and promised to take the proposed loan provided the inspection of the house fit merited the description given it by plaintiff; that the promise was conditional; that he (witness) never called to see the house, as the plaintiff informed him that the defendant refused to take the loan. The plaintiff also proved by a witness by the name of Webber that at the request of plaintiff he called on the 21st day of December last on the defendant, and said that plaintiff could get him the loan, and asked him, for his abstract of title. Defendant said he had obtained the loan from another source, and had so informed plaintiff a few days after he (defendant) had made the application. The plaintiff then rested his case, and defendant's counsel moved for a dismissal of the complaint.

The Judge granted the motion, on the ground that it did not appear that the plaintiff had procured the loan, or an unconditional promise of the same. That Mr. Judah had not agreed to take the loan unless the property answered the description given of it by plaintiff to him. What that description was did not appear. It might have been entirely different from that given to him by defendant, and under such a state of facts might not have taken it at all.

MARINE COURT.

Before Judge Phillips and a Jury.

Samuel Martin vs. Wm. V. Leggett.—This action was brought to recover $600 for work, labor and materials bestowed and furnished in building a house for defendant. It was proved, however, by the plaintiff's witnesses, that the work was performed under a special contract, by which it was agreed that the money should be paid to plaintiff on the production of the certificate of the architect. Plaintiff contended that he might sue under the common counts when the work had not been done according to the contract, taking the contract as the controlling price for the work done. Defendant insisted that the production of the architect's certificate was a condition precedent, which the plaintiff could not waive. Judgment of non-suit, with costs to defendant.

Theodore R. Mellissa vs. Samuel T. Ilbetson.—This action is brought upon a note for $250, payable in monthly instalments of $21 each, drawn by defendant. The making of the note was shown by plaintiff, but the defence was that it was a mere accommodation note, for which the defendant received no consideration. Verdict for defendant, with costs.

Richard Salstonstall vs. Michael Lester.—Action for commission as a broker in obtaining a loan of $6,000. It appeared that the defendant told a friend of his, Mr. Wm. Burger, that he wished to raise the money by mortgage on real estate, and requested him to raise it for him, if possible. Mr. Burger accordingly advertised, and plaintiff claims that he was employed by him as broker, and did raise the money for defendant. The Court held under the testimony that there was no authority given by defendant to Burger to employ any person, and that he is not therefore liable. Complaint dismissed, with $10 costs.

Edgar and Walter Hyatt vs. George T. Conklin.—The plaintiff sued to recover a bill for horse feed, furnished by them to defendant, from March to June, 1854. The clerk who kept the books, being dead, the Court allowed plaintiff to prove their books as correct, by which they had settled accounts from them. The defence set up was payment in full, but the testimony being indefinite both as to time and amount, the Court gave plaintiff judgment for $215 36 and costs.

David Trattell vs. Norman A. Freeman.—In November last the defendant said plaintiff a quantity of old jewelry for $1,100, among which was about 35 dozen of gold pens, which plaintiff alleged defendant warranted to be gold, and that they were worth from $3 to $6 per dozen; that he sold a portion of them, and they were returned to him as being of very inferior quality, and not good at all. For the defence it was shown that the goods were purchased in a lot, and that the pens were called gold pens in the trade, although they were an inferior article manufactured for the Western trade, and called the "James W. Franklin pen." The Judge, in deciding the case, did not think the warranties of such a character as would justify a verdict for plaintiff. Judgment for defendant, with costs.

(Advertisement.)

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—NEW-YORK, JAN. 21, 1855.—I have submitted to chemical analysis Professor HOLLOWAY'S Pills, and find them to be purely vegetable. I consider them a safe aperient, fit to live under such circumstances, and in cases of general debility, or when the nervous system is deranged. Many physicians in the United States recommend them to their patients when other means fail. Signed, JAMES BRYAN, Rochester, N. Y., Analytical Chemist. Sold by all Druggists at 25c., 62½c., and $1, and at the manufactories, No. 80 Maiden-lane, N. Y., and No. 244 Strand, London.

LONG ISLAND.

Steamship "River Bird."

This steamship, which is now lying at MARSTON & POWERS' wharf in Brooklyn, taking in coals preparatory to sailing, is a beautiful clipper of about 600 tons burden, built by SAMUEL SNEDEN, Esq., of Green Point. Her length on deck is 174 feet; beam, 30 feet. She has three masts, the foremast being square-rigged, and the main and mizzen masts schooner-rigged. Besides her main deck, she has a promenade deck extending the entire length of the vessel, and on which, just abaft the foremast, is situated the wheel-house. She has accommodations for about 200 passengers, and is intended to run as a passenger boat between Hong Kong and Canton, in China. Her cabins are elegantly fitted up and provided with everything which may conduce to the comfort of her passengers. She is owned by a house in China, and her agents in New-York City are Messrs. LOW & BROTHERS.

She is fitted with a beam engine, built by Messrs. PEASE & MURPHY of New-York, having a 40-inch cylinder and 10 feet stroke. And we are informed that when making 20 revolutions per minute, during her trial trip last week, she attained a speed of 18 knots. The following is a list of her officers:

Captain—J. W. PAUL.
Chief Officer—FRANCIS DAWSON.
Second Officer—G. B. LIVINGSTON.
Engineer—GEORGE SANDS.
First Assistant Engineer—J. DOUGHERTY.
Second Assistant Engineer—C. DAYTON.

Capt. PAUL expects to be ready for sea about the beginning of next week.

Brooklyn City Hospital.

The south wing of the Brooklyn City Hospital, recently erected, was opened for the inspection of the public yesterday evening. A large number of citizens and strangers availed themselves of this opportunity to examine this invaluable institution, and were much pleased with what they saw. The new wing is four stories high, and has a front of 74 feet with a depth of 36 feet—making the whole front of the building 200 feet, and will accommodate 150 patients. The arrangements of the whole building are very complete—embracing every modern improvement. The Hospital can now accommodate 350 patients. It is located in Raymond-street, near DeKalb-avenue, on 50 lots of ground—the rear opening upon Washington Park, making it one of the most delightful and healthy locations in the city. The whole cost thus far is in the vicinity of $80,000.

A Notorious Character Disposed of.

JAMES MCCLUSKEY *alias* "Scabby McCluskey" was yesterday brought before Justice DANIEL K. SMITH, and pleaded guilty to assaulting and beating the proprietor of the City Hotel, Brooklyn, on the 12th of December last, and was sentenced to the Penitentiary for three months. This individual has gained an enviable notoriety for exercising his brutal propensities, and has been an occupant of the Sing Sing Prison, County Jail and Penitentiary—of the latter a number of times. He is not more than 25 years of age, and belongs to a gang that frequents Myrtle-avenue, of which he is a fair representative. There are several charges of a more serious nature pending against him, that will be attended to about the time his present term of imprisonment expires.

The Bainbridge.

Lieut. JAMES H. ROWAN, has been ordered to the command of the United States brig *Bainbridge*, vice Lieut. CHARLES G. HUNTER, dismissed.

MARRIED.

In this City, on Wednesday, Jan. 31, by Rev. W. Taylor, JOHN FREE HARDY to MARY LEVINGSTON, daughter of HAWLEY LOWNDES, Esq., of this City.

DIED.

In this City, on Monday, Jan. 29, HERSCHAN B. CHAPMAN, in the 5th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the deceased, and of his brother, Warren Chapman, are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 64 Greenwich-st., this (Thursday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock, with no further invitation. His remains will be taken to Greenwood, for interment.

In this City, on Wednesday, Jan. 31, CAROLINE, infant daughter of Charles and Julia M. Pier, aged 2 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, this (Thursday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her parents, No. 119 West 18th-st., without further notice.

In this City, on Friday evening, Jan. 26, of consumption, the wife of H. R. LUCAS M. PERM, of Montpelier, Vt., and was a lady much beloved by a large circle of friends in New-Orleans, Washington, New-York, and other cities and towns of the Union.

In Brooklyn, on Wednesday morning, Jan. 31, JOHN LIN-LIN, youngest child of James and Rebecca King, aged 4 years, 2 months and 16 days.

The friends of the family are invited to attend his funeral, on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 1, at 2 o'clock, from the residence of his parents, No. 106 Bridge-st.

In Flushing, L. I., on Wednesday, Jan. 31, JAMES SCOTT, in the 68th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, Flushing, on Friday, Feb. 2. The Flushing railroad train leaves Fulton-ferry, New-York, at 10 o'clock A. M.

At Mount Vernon, Westchester, on Tuesday, Jan. 23, after 3 days' illness, LILLIE, second and youngest daughter of W. R. and Caroline A. Palmer, aged 6 months and 17 days.

The remains will be taken to OAK HILL Cemetery, this day, for interment.

At Flatbush, on Wednesday, Jan. 31, Mrs. ELIZABETH, wife of John Lott, in the 77th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, in Flatbush, on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 2 o'clock P. M.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets See Sixth Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange ... Jan. 31.

$4,000 Virginia 6s	94	50	Cumb. Coal Co		10
1,000 do	94	200	do		10
1,000 do	94	50	do		10
5,000 Louisiana 6s	88	50	do		10
4,000 Missouri 6s	74	100	do		10
2,000 Harlem 1st Mtg. Bds.	80	50	do		10
3,000 Erie Convt. Bds. '71	94	100	do		10
1,000 Erie Bds. of '75	85	100	do		10
2,000 Erie Bds. of '76, bs	89	100	do		10
1,000 do	89	50	do		10
17,000 do	89	50	do		10
500 Hud. Riv. Mtg. Bds. '91	100	100	N. Creek Coal Co		10
1,000 Hud. Riv. 2d Mtg. bs.	93	100	N. Y. Cen. R. R.		90
2,000 do	93	200	do		90
20,000 Ill. Cen. R. Bds.	73	150	Erie Railroad		3
4,000 do	73	200	do		4
5,000 do	73	100	do		4
3,000 do	73	50	do		4
2,000 N. Y. Cen. R. Bds.	87	150	do		4
2,000 do	87	100	Harlem Railroad		2
4,000 Indiana Bank Bds.	75	50	do		4
20 Mechan. Bank	111	50	do		4
20 Am. Exchange Bank	105	100	do		3
70 Union Bank	104	200	do		4
15 Metropolitan Bank	104	50	Hud. Riv. Railroad		3
10 Ohio Life & Trust Co.	29	50	Stonington Railroad		9
10 Continental Ins. Co.	100	100	Reading Railroad		71
100 Canton Company	50	50	do		71
200 do	22	200	do		72
200 do	22	100	do		71
50 do	22	100	do		71
100 Nic. Transit Co.	15	100	do		71
100 do	15	17	Mich. Southern R. R.		84
100 do	15	200	do		84
100 do	15	100	Panama Railroad		97
200 do	15	50	do		100
100 do	15	71	Cleve. C. & Cin. R. R.		96
500 Cumberl'd Coal Co.	9	26	Illinois Central R. R.		87
50 do	9	50	do		87
100 do	9	100	do		87
175 do	9	275	do		87
50 do	9	75	Chi. & Rock Isl. R. R.		75
200 do	9	15	Cleve. & Toledo R. R.		68
100 do	9				

BETWEEN BOARDS.

After the adjournment of the Board the following sales of Stocks were made at auction by Messrs. A. H. MULLER & Co.:

40 shares Excelsior Fire Insurance Co	73½
50 shares Commercial Fire Insurance Co	65
10 shares Clinton Fire Insurance Co	60
5 shares Suffolk Bank	13

SECOND BOARD.

$4,000 Virginia 6s	94	275	Erie Railroad		4½
1,000 Lou Indiana Bank Bds.	75	200	do		4½
25 Canton Company	22½	100	do		4½
200 Nicaragua Trans. Co.	17	200	do		4½
200 do	16½	100	do		4½
50 Cumb. Coal Co.	9½	50	do		4½
100 do	9½	200	do		4½
50 do	9½	100	Reading Railroad		71
100 Harlem Railroad	2½	100	do		71
100 do	2½	100	do		71
50 N. Y. Cen. R. R.	90	5	Michigan South. R. R.		84
100 do	90	50	Panama Railroad		98
50 do	90	50	do		98
100 Stonington R. R.	100	50	do		98
200 do	99	200	do		98
25 Illinois Cen. R.	87	50	do		98
5 Cleve. & Toledo R. R.	68				

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 31—P. M.

The Foreign news published this morning had no very decided effect either way on the Stock Exchange. The recent large advance in prices has brought a considerable amount of the speculative Shares on the Street for realization, and the tendency of the market, as sales are proposed, is rather downward. The closing bids this afternoon on Erie, New-York Central, Reading and Harlem were ⅛@¼ ⅌ cent. lower than on Tuesday. Illinois Central Shares have fallen 2 ⅌ cent., and the Mortgage Bonds of the Company, in which there continues to be a large daily business, are ⅜ ⅌ cent. easier. State Stocks close ½ ⅌ cent. dearer; Panama Securities 2 ⅌ cent. dearer, selling on short time at par. The excursion party of the Directors of the Board, and a few friends, leave in the California packet on Monday, 5th inst., to attend the formal opening of the work from Ocean to Ocean. Another active business was done in Cumberland Coal Shares; the fight between Bull and Bear waxing quite warm, and a further advance strongly resisted by the latter. The lowest contract sale to-day was at 35¾; the last cash transaction on the regular list 36¼ ⅌ cent. Erie Bonds move steadily; the new loan at 80 ⅌ cent. To-morrow the Incomes are payable in full, with the last six months' Coupon. The Company are abundantly supplied with means.

The supply of Money keeps easy. To-morrow the various February dividends to be paid, and the reimbursement of the Erie Income Loan, will add to the ease of the market, while new sources of employment satisfactory to the Banks are not materially increasing. There is, however, still a considerable amount of paper, growing out of old operations in business, offering in the street at extra rates of interest, some of it with fair mercantile names, but much of it of a character not desirable to regular buyers. For current short bills and acceptances there is a good request at 7@8 ⅌ cent., when prime, and 10@12 for fair names. The Boston steamer to-day carried out $278,000 in specie. The Sub Treasury closes the month on a

Regular balance of	$2,428,419
Special deposits	802,427
Interest Fund	85,018
Assay Department	722,989
Total Gold Coin	$4,120,841
Bullion in Assay Department	2,539,016
Total Government reserve at New-York	$7,659,857

The regular transactions of the Sub-Treasury during the month of January were:

Balance to begin with	$2,363,161
Receipts from Customs	2,606,237
Miscellaneous receipts	1,310,815
	$3,970,199
Total receipts	$7,301,339
Payments during the month	4,873,914
Balance as above	$2,428,419
The receipts from Customs as above